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CUTTING DOWN THE BRITISH NAVY

FIRST LORD ON THE MINIMUM NEEDS OF CRUISERS

ADEQUATE LIMITATION

London, Yesterday.

The attitude of the Admiralty at the forthcoming Naval Conference was outlined by Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord, in a speech at Sheffield in which he pointed out that the British policy of a one-Power standard was simply expressed at the Washington Conference in the matter of battleships as a parity with the greatest other naval Power, but the matter of cruisers was not so simple. After the Washington Conference, the Admiralty fixed the number of cruisers at 70, based on the needs of defence throughout the world for vital communications. We stood out, therefore, at Geneva, but a new situation had arisen through the Kellogg Pact outlawing war by all the major naval Powers. With such powerful support for peace, we were justified in anticipating a period in which armed conflicts need not be expected.

Minimum Needs

The attitude of the Board of Admiralty, therefore, was prepared to agree to 50 cruisers as the minimum needs of the Empire until the next date for a conference, and the revision which was expected to be near 1936, hoping that a further agreement in 1936 would confirm and extend the present agreement. But, if unhappily the international horizon of the future became less clouded in, the Board of Admiralty may have to review the position.

Mr. Alexander concluded by saying that the proposed reduction would depend on agreement at the forthcoming conference on an adequate limitation by other Powers.

Japanese Interests

London, Later.

A Foreign Office communique says that in conversation at 10, Downing Street between the Prime Minister and the Japanese delegation progress was made in the discussion of various questions of special interest to Japan and Great Britain which would come before the Naval Conference.—Reuter.

Submarine Reduction

Mr. Alexander said that Britain would like to see capital ships less expensive to build and maintain than the battleships, involved in the tonnage laid down at Washington. The extent to which a substantial reduction of destroyers was achievable depended upon the measure of success regarding the reduction of submarines. It was difficult to persuade other Powers to consent to the complete abolition of the submarine, but it ought to be possible to have some measure of reduction.—Reuter.

Favourable Reaction

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's declaration before leaving Lossiemouth on Wednesday has caused a very favourable reaction in official quarters here. Whitehouse circles stated that the American delegation will be prepared to meet such proposals at least halfway, while the tentative British and American preliminary agreement apparently contemplates fixing the maximum American cruiser tonnage at 315,000. It is believed that the administration hopes to negotiate a treaty bringing the maximum below 300,500 tons, which would be reached if the fifteen cruiser building programme is completed. It is believed that a substantial cut of destroyers and submarines may also prove agreeable to the United States Government.—Reuter's American Service.

KOWLOON BURGLARY

Mrs. J. M. Wong, living at Lugaan Villa, Prince Edward Road, reported to the Police yesterday that some time between 10 p.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m. yesterday a burglar entered the house by forcing the door lock and [illegible] and stole [illegible] property, $172. [illegible] result of investigations [illegible] by the Police, a pair of [illegible] worth $30 [illegible].

THE CURE FOUND FOR UNEMPLOYMENT?

MR THOMAS'S SCHEME: A SOUND BASIS FOR INDUSTRY

SUPPORT OF THE CITY

London, Yesterday.

An important announcement concerning steps to cope with unemployment through the reorganisation of industry and the re-equipment of factories was made by Mr. J. H. Thomas at Manchester Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The Lord Privy Seal said he was in a position officially to say "In considering steps which might be taken to produce a better employment position by improving the organisation and equipment of British industries, I have found that a feeling exists that manufacturers will be handicapped by the bringing about of the necessary re-organisation and re-equipment, by the fact of the long continued trade depression pushed to the limits of credit they can reasonably expect to obtain from their bankers, or which their bankers can reasonably be expected to provide."

World Competition

"As the result of consultations, I have had, I am now in a position to state that the City of London is deeply interested in placing industry upon a broad and sound basis, and is ready to support any plans that in its opinion may lead to this end.

"Those in the City who have been studying this matter are convinced that a number of our important industries must fundamentally be re-organised and modernised in order to be able to produce at prices which will enable them to compete with world industry. Schemes that, in the opinion of those advising the City, conform with this requirement will receive the very sympathetic consideration and co-operation of the City in working out plans and finding the necessary finance."

Individual Concerns

"In the case of individual undertakings, the City will be similarly ready to help, provided the scheme under discussion fits in as part of the general plans for industry in question as a whole, and gives a reasonable promise that changes will enable the undertaking to become an effective unit in combination and co-operation with other similar undertakings."

Deliberate Offer

"That is an authorised statement, made with the authority and knowledge of the City. It was made deliberately to the business community as a whole. What, after all, does it mean? It is for the first time, on behalf of the City, an open invitation to business and industry to come forward with real schemes of organisation."—Reuter.

COLD SNAP

Reported Deaths From Exposure

Although the rain, it is predicted, will stop, indicating fine weather, the cold snap continues. The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is:—

"North winds, strong; overcast at first, then clearing."

The foregoing applies to Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel. At 11.10 a.m. to-day the Royal Observatory reported:—"Another anti-cyclone has formed over China. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea."

Last night seemed to be colder than yesterday. At any rate the thermometer has shown a slight drop. Official figures follow:—

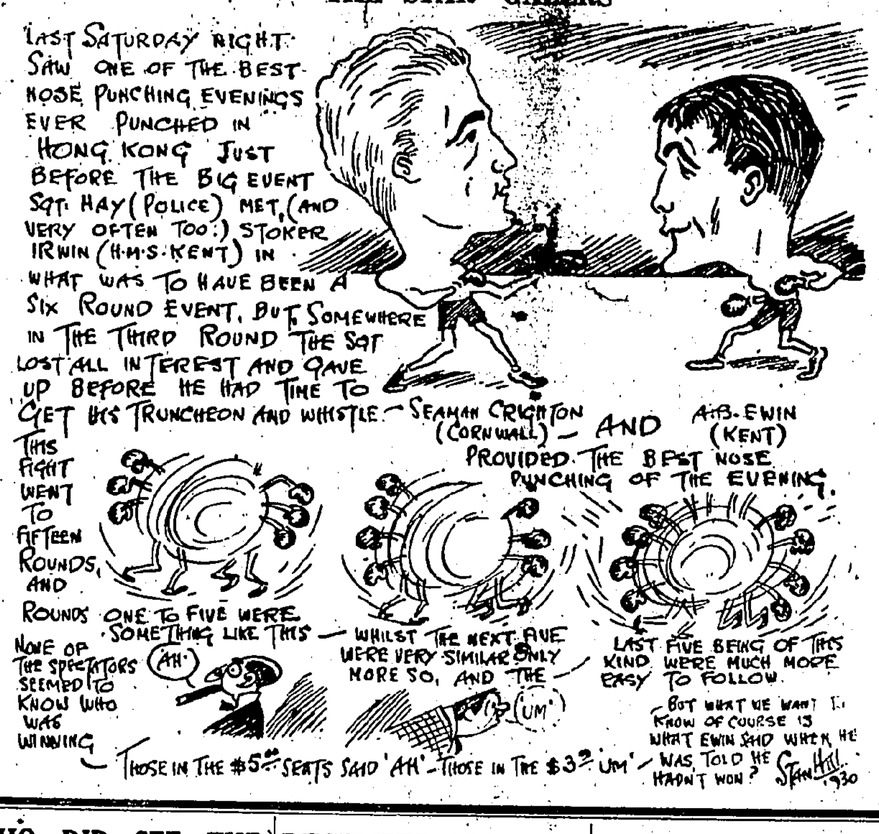
	Minimum	Occurred at
Wednesday	41.4	7 a.m.
Thursday	45.5	8 a.m.
Yesterday	43.6	6 a.m.
To-day	46.7	8 a.m.

At least two men in the Colony are believed to have succumbed to the cold. A coolie, of about 50 years of age, who is one of the army of street sleepers, was found dead in West Point yesterday and is stated to have perished from exposure. The other death occured in Portland Street, in the Kowloon district.

Heavy weather has prevailed out in the China Sea, particularly for vessels coming north to Hong Kong.

Several ships of the Canton Navy, including the flagship, have been hurried to the South China Sea. The squadron was proceeding from Canton to Hainan Island but had to anchor off Chiwan, near Kowloon, on the south coast on account of the strong monsoon.

"THE STAR GAZERS"



WHO DID SEE THE TIGER?

ANOTHER SCARE IN NEW TERRITORIES

SPORTSMEN ON ALERT

Another inhabitant of the New Territories claims to have seen the tiger. Whether it is supposed to be the one observed by a woman killing a cow in the Taipo vicinity is not known. This time "Stripes" is said to have ventured much nearer the urban districts.

The place is given as Tsing I, a small island in the north-west of Hong Kong harbour, opposite Tsun Wan (which is on the road to Castle Peak) and off the larger and perhaps, better known island of Chung Hue.

Except for a fisherman here and there in a hut overhanging from the cliffs, Chung Hue is unpopulated. It is all hilly and three peaks stand almost in a line in the centre, each of about 1,000 feet high. A number of old graves face the mainland.

Tsing I, on the other hand, lying between Chung Hue and Tsun Wan, has a village, with a shop or two and a number of farmers. There is also a brick factory on the comparatively small piece of flat land stretching down towards the narrow strait.

A Pig Carried Off

It was on Tsing I, which has no hills to speak of, that "the tiger" was seen to kill and make off with a pig belonging to one of the farmers.

This seems improbable—Chung Hue less so because of the better cover it would give to a tiger. But, as far as is known, there is no domestic pig on Chung Hue.

At any rate a number of Chinese sportsmen, having heard the report, are making preliminary investigations with a view to going out on a tiger shooting expedition.

The last tiger shot in the New Territories was in 1915.

SHIP HELD UP

Sequel to Collision in West River

No settlement has yet been reached regarding the British steam launch Tung On, owned by Mr. Hung Hing-tat of Hong Kong, which was detained by the Canton military authorities at Wuchow after a collision in which a Chinese commandeered launch was sunk at Shiuhing.

"Until an amicable settlement has been attempted, no steps will be taken to arrange for the clearance of the vessel (from Wuchow," a Royal Naval communique states.

[The Wuchow authorities, it will be recalled, forbade the Customs to clear the Tung On.]

"If the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowed with respect to Ordinance No. 14 of 1929 (to amend the law relating to accessories to and abettors of indictable offences)

DECEMBER WARMER

Mean Humidity Above Average

Except for the four days preceding Christmas (during which Hong Kong had the first cold snap of the season, the only one prior to that which has existed most of this week), December [illegible] for any cold days. In fact, last month was warmer all round than the average December, as the following will show:—

	Mean for Last Month	Normal December
Maximum	68.8	67.7
Mean	64.7	62.9
Minimum	60.9	58.7

The lowest minimum was recorded on the 23rd when the temperature went down to 44.4 degrees. The highest maximum, 78.1, occurred on the 15th.

Mean humidity for last month was 78 per cent. against a normal of 67. Mean cloudiness was 68 per cent. against a normal of 54. Only 143 hours of sunshine were recorded, as against an average of 174.5; none was recorded on six days, three of which were the 29th, 30th and 31st.

In no place was more than an inch of rainfall registered. The normal for the month is 1.018 inches. Returns follow:—

	No. of Days	Inch
Royal Observatory, Kowloon	8	.42
Botanical Gardens, Hong Kong	8	.59
Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett	9	.57
Royal H.K. Golf Club, Fanling	6	.22
R.N. Hospital, Wanchai ..	8	.36
Police Station, Taipo	5	.63

The lowest reading of the barometer at mean sea level was 29.837 inches at 3 p.m. on the 15th.

The maximum gust velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was 86 miles per hour at 12.59 p.m. on the 1st and 6.47 a.m. on the 18th.

Suffering In Peking

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The severity of the cold weather in Peking during the recent days has caused the deaths of numerous persons and animals. The mercury has fallen to 14 degrees and the Yellow River is frozen.—Canton News Agency.

MISSIONARY RELEASED

Hankow, Yesterday.

The Rev. H. A. K. Sander, of the Wesleyan Mission, who was captured by bandits or communists at Tayeh, 50 miles from here on December 14, is reported to have been released and to have returned to Hankow. It is not known whether ransom was paid to effect his release.—British Naval Wireless.

[Ten thousand dollars was first asked for Mr. Sander's ransom. He was taken to the hills and Mr. E. H. Lyvaley was abducted at the same time.]

LOOKING FOR WORK IN COLONY

SHANGHAI "PASSES ON ITS JOB"

DESTITUTE BRITONS

Two British subjects named Taylor and Northey were produced before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, to-day, as vagrants with no visible means of subsistence.

Sergeant Whant stated that both men had come to Hong Kong from Shanghai. In the cae of Northey he was assisted by the "Easma" at Shanghai for a week, after which they could not do any more for him and he came to Hong Kong. Here he was also looked after for a few days by the local Association and was then advised to give himself up to the Police.

In regard to Taylor, the Sergeant said that he had worked on a ship of the Pure Cane and Molasses Co., and missed his vessel in Hong Kong. He had been looked after for a while at the Sailors' Home and then was also advised to go to the Police. Both men were willing to work on ships to get out of Hong Kong.

Speaking about Northey, the Magistrate said that he did not see why Shanghai should "pass its job on to us." It was just as difficult to get employment here as in Shanghai.

Sergeant Whant said that apparently the idea of sending Northey on to Hong Kong was to get him a step nearer to Australia.

Mr. Hamilton then remarked on Taylor's lack of warm clothing and inquired from the Sergeant if anything could be done for him.

The Sergeant said that he understood that Taylor had some clothing at the Sailors' Home. That would be fetched and if it were found that it was not suitable to the cold weather an appeal on his behalf could be made to the Benevolent Society.

His Worship committed both men to the House of Detention.

PIRACY SUSPECTS

Another Formal Appearance in Court

The two Chinese suspects who were taken into custody following the attempted piracy on board the Douglas s.s. Haiching, made another appearance before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning in connection with the charge against them of murder, with others, of Frank Kingsley Woodward, third officer of the vessel.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor, applied for another week's formal remand, intimating that the Crown would be ready to have a date fixed for hearing of the case after next Saturday.

His Worship granted the remand.

GOVERNORS DISMISSED

Cairo, Yesterday.

Decrees are published dismissing eight provincial governors, whom the supporters of the Wafd will replace.—Reuter.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

After the Bawl is over!

I.G.P.—Inspire General Peace!

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T.H.K.—Too Honestly Keen!

D.B.—Disperses Beggars!

T.M.—Tames Many!

W.K.—Wheelmen's Knell!

If there is a glut of silver 'tis not in our pockets!

There are upper storeys and supper stories in Hong Kong.

Our office boy declares he saw ice yesterday—on a bar counter!

We don't want Samoa riots to worry the New Zealand Government.

The recent fancy dress football match at the K.F.C. was a great "draw."

Opium discussions may soon become a drug in the Legislative Council.

Newspaper heading: "Who Wants Old Coins"?—Don't all speak at once.

Queen's Road Central is to have a skyscraper.—Not the kind so familiar at Kai Tak!

Deport the illusionists and stop the further vanishing of the far from almighty dollar.

Clowns are at a premium in the Colony.—There was only one at the K.C.C. on New Year's Day.

A resident wants the trams to be extended to the "bottom of the Jewish Cemetery."—Too deep for us!

A European motorist has had a fine Sample of what follows breaches of the motoring regulations.

The Legislative Council has appointed a new standing Law Committee.—Why not buy a few more chairs?

Speech at St. George's Ball: "We want more of the spirit of St. George."—We certainly do in this weather.

Apropos the small-pox scare no one can blame the St. John Ambulance Corps for being so fond of pin-picking.

The new Knight of Grace of St. John Order can still do his work during the day with the same good grace as before.

Even the Scottish kiddies at the K.C.C. children's sports gave three hearty cheers to Lady Clement for distributing the prizes.

A cinema here with accommodation for 12,000 people will surely be some cinema—unless it is meant they'll go in in relays.

Those in the swim assert that the European Y.M.C.A. will have to wait till the financial tide turns before they get a swimming bath.

So we are not to have a Naval Volunteer Reserve!—Why not divert the proposed Government grant to the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home and the Seamen's Institute?

Sad to read in a local sheet that the total number of unemployed at Home at the end of 1929 was $10,530 less than that at the end of 1923.—But that dollar might come in handy!

If you see an extra smart Chinese driving a motor lorry in the Colony he may be one of those defeated Generals whom the Canton authorities would like to see for a few minutes.—And no longer.

Frosty weather: "The Dollar Still Sliding."

The Weather Clerk has certainly got the wind up.

"Football Trial."—To the players or the spectators?

The sad tale of the effect of the tael has not yet reached the tail.

When they met Barrow last Saturday Port Vale were nearly in the cart.

A currency expert could not be expected to put more silver dollars in our pockets.

It has been so cold that the people from the North of the Tweed feel quite at home.

In spite of his name Sir A. K. Waistell wastes nothing in the local Naval Command.

Says a scribe—"The cinema is every man's theatre."—If they happen to be shareholders.

Proverbs, it is pointed out, are not always true.—The exception proving the rule is proverbial in fact.

In a proposed new cinema we read, there are to be lifts to the dress circle.—A change from lifts out of it.

The bother with Carnera, evidently, is that he considers boxing to be something akin to fighting.

The temperature, the dollar, and the water supply are all dwindling.—Good job the Peak doesn't follow suit.

The split in the Labour Party at Home is described as "Labour's Civil War," but the Government won't think it even civil.

Overheard in a Kowloon street:—"You've no idea what a man'll do when he's courting a girl. Last night I found him cleaning his teeth."

From a report of the Agricultural Show: "A band is an essential part of an English flower show."—Usually a Band of Hope of prizes.

Stribling complained that Carnera "lost his head."—That's all O.K. with us, but wasn't Stribling trying to knock it off his shoulders all the time?

The craze among women for "slimming" and dieting is said to be seriously affecting the potato consumption.—Eve still apparently prefers to fall for an apple.

At the Agricultural Show a number of exhibitors stood "anxious guard over their cabbages and onions."—They had seen the scribes from "the City" before.

A suspected man was arrested through his photo, being wirelessed across the Atlantic.—He can scarcely be blamed for not liking the arresting qualities of the likeness.

Lindrum made a break of 3,262 at billiards recently.—Ambitious amateurs who endeavour to take their cue from him will find they have a difficult record to break in this Colony.

Asserts a local scribe: "Charles Morgan, the dramatic critic of the London Times, told me he was absolutely bored by "Charley's Aunt."—Strangely enough the Rev. Charles Spurgeon and Dan Leno told us exactly the same.

Some valuable statistics: 377 "highly educated" Scots girl students have revealed to an American psychologist the possession of 6,038 superstitions. And we ourselves calculate on this basis that 59 Scots students in 47 years would throw 1 or 16 grammes of salt over the left shoulder. Yes.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA

"ON THE THRESHOLD OF UNPRECEDENTED PROGRESS"

TOURIST TRAFFIC

December, 1929.

Kentville, N.S.—The Province of Nova Scotia is on the threshold of a period of unprecedented development judging from the record of business being handled during this year by the Dominion Atlantic Railway and the scope of the preparations now underway for the development of the tourist traffic," stated Mr. George E. Graham, Vice-President and General Manager of the D.A.R. during a recent interview here.

Mr. Graham pointed out that development is going on in all directions to increase facilities for handling the tourist traffic which reached a record volume in the 1929 summer season. Nearly 200,000 tourists from all parts of Canada and the United States entered Nova Scotia by rail-

Frederick I. Kent, director of the Banker's Trust Company, New York, whom the Senate Lobby Investigation Committee has asked to explain a his statement that the Democratic-Independent Republican Coalition in the Senate was responsible for the stock market crash.

way and motor this year, he stated. This constituted an increase of 30,000 over the 1928 season.

Unprecedented Policy

Commenting on the unprecedented policy of development of tourist facilities inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Dominion Atlantic Railway, as well as the Eastern Steamship Lines, Mr. Graham stated that new hotels will be constructed in Kentville and Yarmouth by the transportation companies, the train services on the D.A.R. will be further improved, and the Eastern Steamship Lines has just announced that three new vessels will be put into service, two of which will ply on their lines between Yarmouth and Boston and Yarmouth and New York, within the near future. The added facilities are expected to greatly increase the tourist traffic to Nova Scotia.

Referring to the increase in business on the Dominion Atlantic Railway, Mr. Graham stated that the general volume of business during the first nine months of the present year shows an increase of 8½ per cent. over the corresponding period of last year and sets a record for general turnover since 1921. A new record in apple shipments from the Annapolis Valley is expected this year, reflecting the abundance of the 1929 crop. An increase of 44 per cent. is shown for the present season to date with 570,000 barrels shipped to November 16 against 395,000 barrels to the same date last year. This is the most important commodity shipped over the D.A.R., the subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Nova Scotia.

EEL GRASS

Basis of New Halifax Industry

Halifax, N.S.—Guildford Limited has been organized to engage in a new industry for Halifax, the production of eel-grass insulation. Eel grass, a product of the seashore, is harvested in considerable quantities at various points along the coasts of Nova Scotia, where it is gathered at low tide by the farmers and fishermen. It is largely used for building insulation and in the furniture industry for upholstering.

The new company takes over the business of Guildford and Sons, Ltd., and the lines previously manufactured by the old firm, many of which are of an insulating nature.

RUSSIA IN A NEW ROLE

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPE OF GRAIN

VIRTUES OF WHEAT

A message from Moscow says:—

A marvellous and fascinating thing about Russia is its contrasts of the absurdly old with the uttterly new. Right here before our eyes the national ways of life and the system of agriculture that were outworn in Britain when Queen Elizabeth was founding the State of Virginia are being transformed with the violence of fire and blood into the newest American methods of big-scale cultivation.

That is contrast enough; but one of the small Soviet newspapers can supply others no less fabulous. The Leningrad "Red Star" reports the development by the Minsk Botanical Observatory of a hybrid grain plant between wheat and rye and the trial of a sect of "Cross-Bearers" accused of counter-revolution. Both reports are incredibly romantic.

A Marvellous Yield

The new hybrid grain plant combines, it is reported, the resistance to cold of rye with the richness of wheat. The experiments are said to have shown that its yield without artificial fertiliser or special preparation of the land is three tons per hectare, thrice the average grain yield in Russia.

This autumn the new product is being sown in sufficient quantity to make possible its general use next year. That is one story which, if true, may literally change the face of the world. That is to say, if Russia within the next ten years could increase its grain production threefold it would be an economic revolution beside which Lenin's first revolution would seem petty.

Compare with that story the religious trial account, which might have come from some old book of fairy tales. A monk named Feodor saw visions and dreamed dreams and founded a group called Feodorists, who now number thousands. Forty-two leaders of the sect are on trial for opposing the Kremlin's agrarian policy by means used in peasant Russia for centuries — arson, assassination and fantastic terrorism, such as the telling to young women that if their husbands join the collective farms the young wives will have babies with long black tails.

Descent of Angels

One of these Feodorists, or Cross-Bearers, as they call themselves, told the court his followers were awaiting the descent of white angels led by St. Michael to wipe out the "Sovietists." Red Army soldiers and even members of the Communist youth organisation were taken in by this nonsense and flocked to join the Cross-Bearers, who, as their name implies, wear white crosses sewn on to their coats and trousers.

Then the leaders of the sect grew bolder and began an active terrorist campaign against the Kremlin's agrarian policy, and so the Old and New Worlds were brought into conflict. The Ogpu (Soviet Secret Service) did not wait for the arrival of St. Michael, but arrested the Feodorist leaders. It is already clear from the evidence that the majority of the accused are either religious fanatics or ignorant dupes, but behind them somewhere or somehow a cold anti-Bolshevist intelligence is using them as pawns in a chess game. And like pawns they will be sacrificed.

LOCAL SHARES

Benjamin and Potts' Weekly Report

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, local share and general brokers, in their weekly share report dated yesterday state:—

Business on our local market has not been quite so active since the date of our last report, there being some shrinkage in dealings and though there have been improvements in several stocks, rates on the whole have shown a slightly easier tendency. At the close the market has recovered somewhat and shows signs of strengthening.

Banks.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have further dropped to £116 (Middle) in London, and sales were made locally at $1,290 to $1,310.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Sterling Exchange has declined gradually all the week, and this has brought out more enquiry for Unions, which have changed hands at $370 to $375. China Fires were bid up to $320. Cantons have appreciated to $705. Hong Kong Fires have continued their rise and are in demand at $825.

Shipping.—Preferred Indos have receded to $43. Waterboats at $23¼ mark a further rise. Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have lapsed to a nominal quotation of $27½.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves are a shade easier and were realised at $145. China Providents are in demand at $5.45. Whampoa Docks have receded to $30½. Shanghai Docks have had a smart recovery to Tls. 106.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—There has been a further improvement in Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, and they were dealt in at gradually hardening rates up to $12.60. Humphreys Estates are obtainable at $14.40 after sales at this figure. Hong Kong Lands are slightly lower and were placed at $65 and 65¼. Realtys were booked at $8.90 at the outset, but closed with sellers.

Public Utilities. — Hong Kong Electrics continue their upward movement and are now enquired for at $70¾ after business at $69½ to $70¼. Hong Kong Trams have fallen away to $18¾ at which figure sales have been made. China Lights have likewise weakened and are on offer at $19¼. Star Ferries are to be had at $71½. Telephones have again strengthened and were negotiated at $9¼.

Miscellaneous. — A small decline has taken place in Green Island Cements (Combined), a fair quantity of shares changing hands down to $14.70 but the market is firmer at the close with buyers $15. Hong Kong Ropes have slipped back to $7.80. Dairy Farms have also weakened and are on offer at $21. Lane, Crawfords were sold at $2.05. Watsons were taken off the market at $11.20. Amusements can be placed at $28.

Canton Mills.—Ewos have been subject to considerable fluctuation, after sales in the early part of the week at Tls. 16¼, the price fell away to Tls. 15.90. They are, however, stronger than with buyers at Tls. 16. Shanghai Cottons (Old) have further appreciated to Tls. 83.

Forward Settlement Days.—Jan. 24, Feb. 20, and March 25.

DIRECTOR FOUND SHOT

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Thomas Martin Chalmers Steuart, director of several rubber companies, has been found shot dead at his home in Purley, Surrey.—Reuter.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.			Jan. 3, 1930. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾把	lb.	28	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	30	28	11
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	—	23	12
„ Roast	燒牛肉	„	28	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩肉	„	24	20	18
„ Soup		„	24	20	18
„ Steak	牛扒	„	28	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳腰肉	„	36	30	35
„ Sausages		„	32	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	鮮牛脷	each	65	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head		„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肩腳	„	34	20	18
„ Feet		each	10	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰子	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	25	20	23
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	仔頭排	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	42	26	—
„ Leg	羊腿	„	42	26	—
„ Shoulder		„	40	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍	„	45	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	„	30	—	27
„ Brains	豬腦	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet	豬腳	lb.	15	15	—
„ Fry	豬什頭	„	28	15	18
„ Head		„	18	20	—
„ Heart	豬心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬腰子	„	13	10	3
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork Chop	排骨	„	35	25	23
„ Leg	豬腿	„	35	—	—
„ Loin	豬腰脊	„	40	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬油	„	22	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊腳	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰子	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	牛肝	„	42	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛羊油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton		„	42	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	30	20	20
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	32	—	—
„ „ No. 1		„	28	—	—

Fish.			Jan. 3, 1930. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Barbel	鯪魚	lb.	42	16	24
Bream	鯇魚	„	35	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	省城塘淡水魚	„	35	—	—
Carp	鯉魚	„	33	13	16
Catfish	鯰魚	„	32	16	27
Codfish	鱈魚	„	40	12	9
Crabs	蟹	„	48	16	17
Cuttle Fish	魚墨	„	32	23	26
Dab		„	35	16	27
Dace	黃尾鯽	„	44	23	16
Dog Fish	鯊魚肚	„	24	20	—
Eels, Conger	海鰻魚	„	34	10	8
„ Fresh Water	淡水鰻魚	„	35	16	—
„ Yellow	黃田鰻	„	34	10	18
Frogs	石鴨	„	56	26	30
Garoupa	白鱲	„	82	32	25
Gudgeon	塘虱魚	„	26	40	30
Herrings	黃鳥	„	32	22	18
Halibut	龍利	„	30	13	23
Labrus	白鱲	„	28	18	15
Loach	泥鰍	„	60	32	13
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	60	22	24
Mackerel	益昌	„	48	32	21
Monk Fish	老虎魚	„	38	20	20
Mullet	烏頭魚	„	36	13	2
Oysters	鮮蠔公	„	36	12	2
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	38	14	9
Perch	花斑	„	42	20	15
Pike		„	44	16	9
Plaice	白鰈	„	46	26	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	44	36	30
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	„	38	36	45
Prawns	明蝦	„	62	10	14
Ray	魟魚	„	24	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑	„	34	13	18
Roach	鯭	„	32	22	10
Salmon	鮭魚	„	38	86	30
Shark	沙魚	„	20	8	10
Skate	魟魚	„	20	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	48	32	80
Snapper	立魚	„	46	28	28
Soles	魚	„	44	22	28
Tench	尤魚	„	36	26	35
Turbot	左口魚	„	36	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	細龜腳	„	1.10	40	—

Poultry.			Jan. 3, 1930. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	56	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	40	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	„	45	28	30
Ducks	鴨	„	26	22	21
Doves	班鳩	each	35	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	34	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	60	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	本海南雞	„	48	35	24
Geese	鵝	„	34	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	45	30	—
„ Holhow	海白鴿	„	40	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	90	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	56	51	45
Snipe	沙鷸	„	55	—	—
Pheasant	山鷄	pair	1.30	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	21	—	—
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	85	—	—

Fruits.					
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	90	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	„	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	„	5	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Coconuts	椰子	each	13	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	8	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	„	15	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	85	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	10	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	16	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	16	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	13	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	5	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	14	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	16	—	16
Grapes	葡提子	„	45	—	—

Vegetables, &c.					
Artichokes	朝芝竹	each	10	—	3
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	„	5	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅頭	„	10	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	6	5	8
„ Red	紅瓜	„	8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	菜	„	8	—	—
„ (Shanghai)	上海菜	„	10	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗	„	10	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	16	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	13	—	—
„ (Small)	細椰菜花	„	10	6	6
Carrots	金	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	28	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	15	10	16
„ Green	青花椒	„	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜用材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	清瓜	„	6	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	14	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	„	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	8	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	—	—	8
Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	„	8	8	3
„ Green	生葱	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海葱頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	12	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese	日本薑仔	„	4	3	—
„ American	金山薑仔	„	5	3	—
Pumpkin	多瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大菜	„	—	—	10
Shallots	干葱頭	„	10	—	8
Spinach	蒿菜	„	6	3	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	8	4	—
Taros	芋頭	„	5	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	„	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	西洋菜	„	8	4	—
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CHAS. S. ROSSELET,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Jan. 9th, 1930.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

February 22, 24, 25 and 26 and March 1, 1930.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained upon application to the Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 8, 1930.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS are notified that Booking for the Dinner-dance to be held at the PENINSULA HOTEL on January 17, is now open at the office in the main entrance of the Hong Kong Hotel, where they may purchase their tickets and reserve seats.

C. P. MARCEL,
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Hong Kong, January 10, 1930.

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GRAND NEW CINEMA THEATRE

SCHEME FOR YEE SANG FAT'S PRESENT SITE

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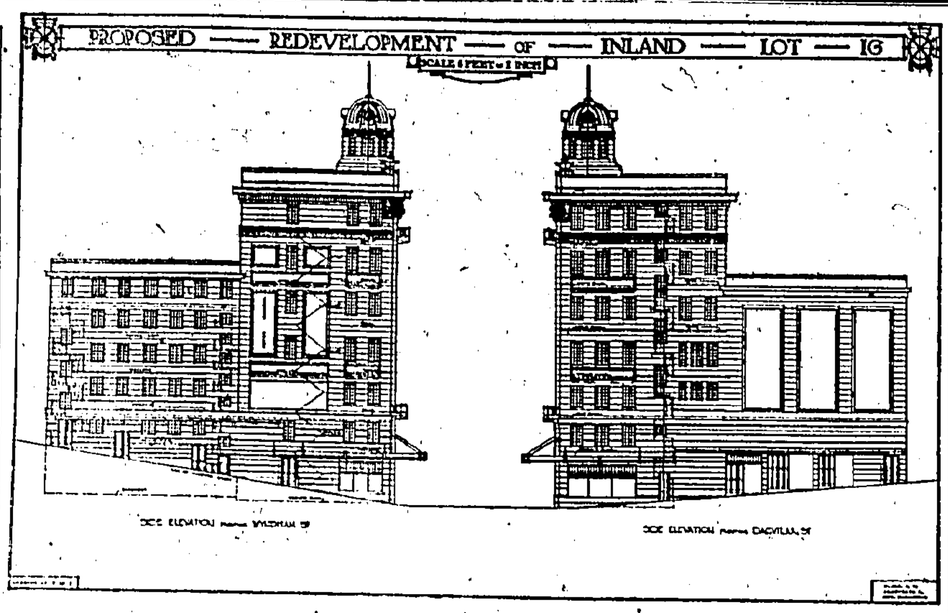
The China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd. has been registered under the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong 1911-1921. The authorised capital is $1,000,000, in 100,000 shares of $10 each. A small part of the capital will be available for public subscription in the near future. The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow is the chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Chang Fat and Mr. Liang Chi-hao are joint Managing Directors. Mr. Liang Chi-hao has been Chairman of the South China Athletic Association (1922) and Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital (1924) and a member of the Committee of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. He is the present Managing Director of the Majectic Theatre. Mr. Chang Fat is the present Manager of Yee Sang Fat and vendor of the property. Among the directors are several well-known Chinese as the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., Messrs Shum Pak-ming, Wong Kwong-tin, Li Jowson and others.



Inland Lot No. 16, on which stands the old Coronet Theatre and Yee Sang Fat Building, and has a frontage to Queen's Road Central, Wyndham Street and D'Aguilar Street. These premises are situated in the heart of the city. It is also intended in due course should conditions warrant, to operate cinema theatres in Kowloon, the Colony's dependencies and elsewhere.

Present Valuation

The tentative plan has already been approved and Messrs. Clark and Iu are the architects.

The present property has recently been valued by Messrs. Palmer & Turner at $923,000.00.

Imposing Entrance

The primary object in floating the company is to establish, maintain and operate a first-class and up-to-date cinema theatre in Hong Kong and to exhibit the best films.

Apart from an imposing entrance hall, the main frontage on Queen's Road will be utilised for modern shops and stores and above these shops six storeys will be available for office accommodation or restaurants, with all modern conveniences.

The cinema theatre will have 1,200 comfortable seats and will be equipped with the most up-to-date system of air cooling for the hot season. Lifts will be provided for the dress circle and no expense will be spared.

Although the main object of the company is the floating of a cinema, the income which is expected from the shops and offices will be approximately $8,000 to $9,000 per month. It will be seen that this revenue will justify the investment of $1,200,000 on the building as it will bring a net income of 8 to 9 per cent. per annum, apart from the cinema.

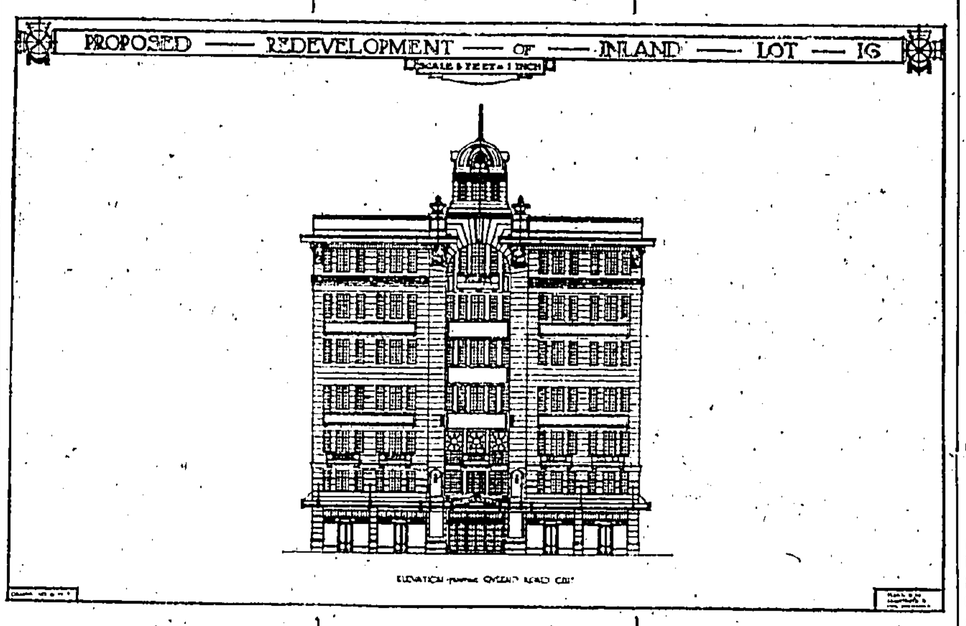
Cost of Undertaking

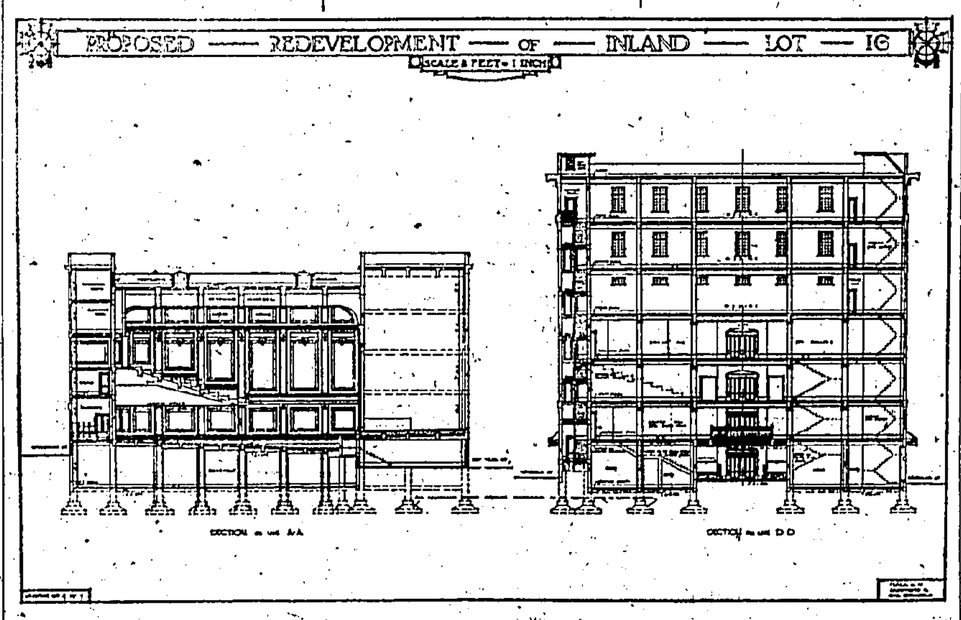
Mr. Chang Fat has agreed to sell the present property under an agreement for the price of $865,000 and, to show his confidence in the undertaking, he has agreed to accept the allotment to him of 28,994 ordinary shares and six founder shares respectively in the company (credited as fully paid) and the balance of $565,000 in cash.

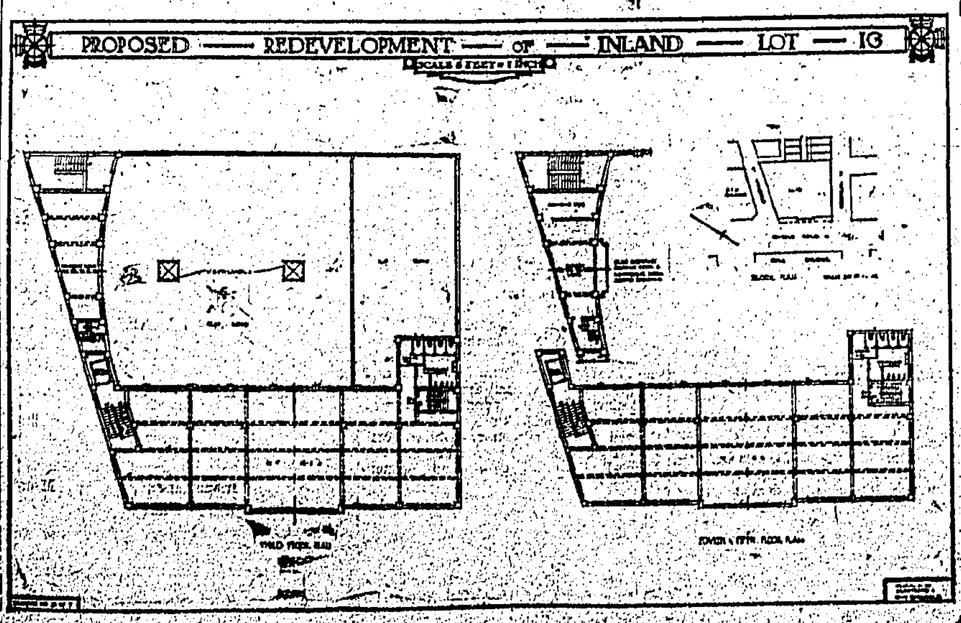
The estimated cost of the undertaking is:—

Land	$865,000
Building	$500,000
	$1,365,000
of which half will be raised by mortgage	$600,000
Balance required.	$765,000

[*Reproductions of drawings are given on this page and also in the coloured supplement.*]







STELVIO TUNNEL

Third Largest In Europe To Be Opened This Year

Rome.—The question of a tunnel through the Stelvio Pass, in the Upper Adige, was first mooted by Senator Silvio Crespi at the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919. Italy's right—indeed her need—to improve her communications in this region for the defence and naturalisation of her new provinces was fully recognised by the Allies. Later it was decided that the new route should follow the electric line from Milan to Tirano (through Lecco, Varenna, Colico, and Sondrio), and that a further line should connect Tirano with Bormio, where the tunnel will begin. Over eleven miles will have to be drilled through the heart of the mountain to reach Prato, which will be linked up by a short line of railway to Resch, on the Austrian frontier, where the Adige has its source.

The new line of international communications thus created will lessen the distance between Milan and Munich by over 74 miles, and will bring Munich 125 miles nearer to the port of Genoa than it is to the port of Hamburg, a fact which is bound to have its influence in increasing the traffic of the Italian port with Central Europe.

When completed the Stelvio tunnel will be the third longest tunnel in Europe, coming close after the Simplon tunnel and the Apennine tunnel between Florence and Bologna. It will probably be opened for traffic this year.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—

Johnson, from Isleworth.
Raghel Tridon Post Office, from Singapore.
Zircon, from Bangkok.

S. LACK,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 9th January, 1930.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD., OF DENMARK

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Hong Kong Chinese Importing Union, from Hankow.
Lolan, President Van Buren, from Shanghai.
Hoyt, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Bldg., from Stamford, Conn.
Wullen Teh, Peninsula Hotel, from Shanghai.
Akewple, from Shanghai.
Hahaksian, from Swatow.

F. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 8th January, 1930.

OUR DINING CAR MANNERS

THE PASSENGERS LESS EASY TO PLEASE

VICTORIANS LESS "NERVY"

Mr. D. G. Kerridge, "father" of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway dining cars, who is to retire shortly on the age limit, was in charge of the first dining car which ran from Euston in 1889. He is of opinion that the Victorians were a much less disgruntled generation than the diners of to-day.

"It may have been," he said, "that dining cars were a novelty and that the passengers were too pleased with the new facility to complain, but the fact remains that they were quiet, leisurely and satisfied with everything. They were always ready to acknowledge that you were doing the best you could for them.

"Since the war," he said, "people have been 'nervy' and difficult to please, and in spite of the fact that the plain food of the 'nineties has given place to an abundance of dishes and plenty of variety the tendency to complain and demand all sorts of impossible things seems to have increased."

Shy Passengers

"In the old days," said Mr. Kerridge, "one often met people who did not feel comfortable in the public car. They asked to be served in their private compartments because they did not like dining with a lot of other people."

"To-day, however, there is variant of the same shyness. People make for corner seats, hate to have strangers sitting opposite, and frequently behave in a cantankerous manner if another person comes to the same table."

He told a story of the obstinacy of passengers in the earlier days. Before trains were "articulated" and the dining saloons were separate, passengers had to enter and leave the dining car at stopping stations.

On this occasion a batch of diners should have left the car at Rugby but they refused to make way for others, and rather than leave they each paid for another meal.

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
AKI MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd January.
KAGA MARU ..... Wednesday, 19th February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
AWA MARU ..... Monday, 13th January.
† NAGATO MARU ..... Thursday, 23rd January.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
BOKUYO MARU ..... Monday, 27th January.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
BINGO MARU ..... Wednesday, 5th February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
† TATSUNO MARU ..... Tuesday, 14th January.
† ATAGO MARU ..... Saturday, 1st February.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.
† DURBAN MARU ..... Monday, 16th January.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
† RANGOON MARU ..... Wednesday, 15th January.
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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
ALTAI MARU ..... Sunday, 19th January.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MONTEVIDEO MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd January.
HAWAII MARU ..... Tuesday, 25th February.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
SHUNKO MARU ..... Sunday, 19th January.
*HONOLULU MARU ..... Monday, 3rd February.
*(Proceeds to Karachi.)
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU ..... Friday, 7th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
BORNEO MARU ..... Saturday, 18th January.
SEATTLE MARU ..... Saturday, 1st February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.
ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) .. Monday, 13th January.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
HIMALAYA MARU ..... Friday, 7th February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 23rd January.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
AMAZON MARU ..... Tuesday, 21st January.
MADRAS MARU ..... Friday, 24th January.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 12th January, Noon.
CANTON MARU ..... Sunday, 19th January, Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DEIJI MARU ..... Thursday, 16th Jan., 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
SOUHARAYA MARU ..... Friday, 10th January.
For further particulars please apply to—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

COASTAL SHIPPING

Latest Changes In Personnel

Captain W. Lumsden, of the Tatung, is on reserve.
Captain J. B. Bruce, from reserve, has gone master, Tatung.
Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, of the Wantung, is on reserve.
Captain W. J. Andrews, C.N. Co., from Home leave, has gone to special duty.
Captain G. A. G. Morse, of the Anking, has gone master, Kiungchow.
Captain R. Ritchie, of the Kiungchow, has gone master, Anking.
Captain C. M. Mather, of the Luchow, has gone master, Soochow.
Captain J. T. J. Layton, of the Soochow, has gone master, Luchow.
Mr. J. M. Hall, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Yingchow.
Mr. F. J. Griffiths, chief officer, Yingchow, has gone chief officer, Shantung.
Mr. J. G. Grant, second officer, Soochow, is on reserve.
Mr. D. C. Sim, from reserve, has gone second officer, Soochow.
Mr. C. Carrington, chief officer, Wanliu, has gone chief officer, Soochow.
Mr. P. Jenkins, from reserve, has gone second officer, Fatshan.
Mr. E. R. Graham, second officer, Fatshan, has gone second officer, Sinkiang.
Mr. J. A. Johnson, second officer, Antung, has gone second officer, Ichang.
Mr. R. N. Learmouth, second officer, Ichang, has gone second officer, Antung.
Mr. G. R. Torrible, chief officer, Nanchang, is on reserve.
Mr. J. S. Turnbull, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Nanchang.
Mr. J. H. Forbes, chief officer, Chekiang, has gone chief officer, Hanyang.
Mr. E. H. Muton, chief officer, Hanyang, has gone chief officer, Chekiang.
Mr. E. Hardman, second officer, Wanhsien, has gone second officer, Newchwang.
Mr. D. Smith, second officer, Newchwang, is on reserve.
Mr. J. H. McLaren, chief officer, Liangchow, is on reserve.
Mr. S. de Candia, from reserve, has gone second officer, Chekiang.
Mr. E. G. Long, second officer, Chekiang, is on reserve.
Mr. D. E. Kermode, third officer, Waishing, is on reserve.
Mr. E. V. de Malmanche, from reserve, has gone third officer, Waishing.
Mr. A. F. Jamieson, third officer, Fooshing, has resigned.
Mr. S. V. Griffith has been appointed third officer, Fooshing.
Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, chief officer, Chaksang, is on reserve.
Mr. E. J. A. Porter, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Chaksang.
Mr. J. Fant, third officer, Chaksang, has gone third officer, Hinsang.
Mr. H. J. Cairns, from reserve, has gone third officer, Chaksang.
Mr. N. D. Fletcher, second officer, Mingsang, is on reserve.
Mr. J. M. Meikle, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kiawo.
Mr. J. A. Duggan, second engineer officer, Hanyang, is on reserve.
Mr. W. Curran, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Yunnan.
Mr. K. E. Wilson, third engineer officer, Fengtien, has gone third engineer officer, Wanliu.
Mr. A. C. Ford, third engineer officer, Hanyang, has gone third engineer officer, Wanhsien.
Mr. D. I. Greer, third engineer officer, Wanhsien, has gone third engineer officer, Hanyang.
Mr. J. F. Tonry, second engineer officer, Taming, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Hanyang.
Mr. W. C. Jones, second engineer officer, Fengtien, has gone second engineer officer, Newchwang.
Mr. G. D. Bell, second engineer officer, Newchwang, has gone second engineer officer, Fengtien.
Mr. A. Baggott, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Wenchow.
Mr. P. H. Todd, second engineer officer, Wenchow, is on reserve.
Mr. D. Anderson, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Suiwo.
Mr. E. W. Coxon, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Siangwo.
Mr. J. J. O'Callaghan, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Tuckwo.
Mr. R. Clark, second engineer officer, Tuckwo, is on reserve.
Mr. E. J. Grainger, second engineer officer, Suiwo, is on reserve.—Shipping & Engineering.

EASTERN PORTS

Details of Health Bulletin

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended January 4, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, give the following cases:—

Plague

Tamatave: 3 cases, 3 deaths.
Basrah: 1 case.
Rangoon: 1 death.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.

Cholera

Calcutta: 15 cases, 9 deaths.
Rangoon: 3 cases, 2 deaths.
Bangkok: 8 cases.

Small-pox

Berbera: 1 death.
Bagdad: 6 cases, 3 deaths.
Bombay: 25 cases, 15 deaths.
Calcutta: 29 cases, 24 deaths.
Cochin: 51 cases, 3 deaths.
Madras: 10 cases, 2 deaths.
Moulmein: 8 cases, 4 deaths.
Vizagapatam: 1 case.
Pondicherry: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Batavia: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Bangkok: 1 case.
Saigon: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Karachi: 8 cases, 2 deaths.

PERSIAN PORTS

Some Interesting Facts and Figures

The new port of Bandar Shapur, formerly called Khor Musah, is likely to supersede Bushire as the principal Persian port on the Gulf when and if the projected railway from the Gulf to Teheran is completed.

The main Gulf ports in Persian territory at present are Bushire, Mohammerah, Bandar Abbas, Lingeh, and Jask for general cargo and Abadan for oil. Considerable cargo also is landed at Basra, Iraq, crossing the Persian frontier at Kasr-i-Shirin (Customs station Kermanshah).

In the fiscal year ended March 20, 1928, the latest period for which statistics are obtainable, ships calling at Bushire numbered 397, of which 303 were British steamers of 1,175,000 net tonnage and 65 were small Persian sailing boats.

More vessels cleared through Mohammerah, but the tonnage was hardly half as much as at Bushire. The total clearances at Mohammerah were 1,021, of which 789 were small Iraq sailboats and motorboats. Steamers were 71 British, of 202,000 net tonnage, 7 German, 4 French, 2 Dutch, and 2 Norwegian. Calls at Bandar Abbas numbered 911, of which 668 were little Persian sailboats and 141 were British steamers of 290,000 net tonnage. Six German and three Norwegian steamers also visited Bandar Abbas.

Steamers entering Lingeh were 83 British of 188,000 net tons, and 1 German; 591 Persian and Arab sailboats, many of them pearl fishers, entered and left Lingeh during the year.

Fifty-six British steamers of 106,000 net tons cleared at Jask. At Abadan 555 British steamers called and loaded 3,570,200 tons of oil from the Anglo-Persian Co.'s plant; also, 52 steamers of other nationalities taking away 497,000 tons of oil.

Total cargo landed at all Persian ports on the Gulf was 169,967 tons, and cargo taken aboard, including oil, was 4,026,845 tons.

All the present ports are shallow and, with the exception of Abadan and Mohammerah, are exposed to bad weather. Consequently, Bandar Shapur, which is protectable against the weather conditions, has been chosen as southern terminus of the projected railway system. It was planned originally to base their railway upon Mohammerah, but that port was rejected. It is advantageously situated at the mouth of the Karun River, which is navigable by boats of 3-foot draft as far as Ahwaz and above the Ahwaz barrier to Shushtar, but foreign engineers found Khor Musah better adapted to the railway scheme.

The New Port

The Khor Musah inlet is a large, deep waterway, extending in a northerly direction from near the head of the Persian Gulf. At its mouth it is crossed by a short bar, having a mean water depth of 5.7 metres. Beyond this the channel deepens to from 11 to 50 metres, and carries by 10 courses with easy angles about 45 kilometres to a group of islands on the north and west side of the channel, where the new port of Bandar Shapur will be placed. The inlet, however, continues as a wide, deep navigable stream for several kilometres beyond the port site. At the port the extreme range of tides is about 6.20 metres.

A railway syndicate has contracted to prepare plans for the permanent development of the port. A railway, which begins at Bandar Shapur, will cross the Karan River at Ahwaz, where piers of a bridge a mile long and part of the steel work already have been placed. Grading has been done to Dizful, 251 kilometres from the port, and about 100 kilometres of rails have been laid. Trains should be running into Dizful early this year. The project calls for the eventual extension of the line through the Luristan Mountains to meet the German section coming down from the Caspian Sea, making a cross-country line of about 1,500 kilometres through Teheran, and probably through Hamadan, though that part of the route seems not yet to have been definitely decided upon.

On the Caspian Sea

Persian ports on the Caspian Sea are open only to traffic through Russia. The principal ports are Pahlevi, Meshedsar, Astara, and the new port, Bandar Shah (Bandar Gaz), northern terminus of the Trans-Persian Railway.

Pahlevi, port of Resht, capital of Gilan Province, has direct passenger and freight relations, by regular steamer, with Baku, Russia. The harbour is protected and fairly deep, though large ships must land cargoes by lighter. A dredge has been purchased in Europe, especially for Pahlevi, and it is intended to dig a deep channel to the pier, which now can be reached at times by small boats. Clearances at Pahlevi in 1927-28 were 316 steamers and 236 sailing vessels. Merchandise landed amounted to 67,466 tons and embarked to 57,793 tons.

From Meshedsar, the port of Mazanderan Province, 23,841 tons of merchandise, mostly raw cotton, was carried to Russia by 227 Russian steamers and 56 sloops. Goods landed there—largely sugar—amounted to 12,240 tons. The harbour is shallow and goods are landed in lighters to the custom house wharf.

A total of 33 steamers and 67 sailing ships and 52 motorboats visited Astara, where the Russian and Persian west-Caspian frontiers meet, disembarking 8,992 tons of general merchandise and taking on 3,893 tons. Astara is an important fishing port, but Pahlevi is the centre of the Perso-Russian sturgeon and salmon fisheries.

Between Guildford and Weybridge areas of more than one-eighth of a mile in width are flooded to a depth of 18 to 36 inches.

NAVAL NEWS

New Crews For Tamar and Petersfield

The Vindictive, cruiser, which is shortly to be relieved as flagship of the Second Cruiser Squadron by the Hawkins, has been detailed to leave Chatham towards the end of January for the China Station with new crews for the river gunboats and the Petersfield and Tamar. The Cambrian and Carysfort had been detailed for this service, but will not be required.

The Cumberland, cruiser, which recently returned from the China Station, was paid off at Chatham on December 10, and was recommissioned the following day with a special complement completing to full numbers for further service on the China Station shortly before the end of her refit. The Cumberland is expected to be out of Dockyard hands on February 28.

ON THE POLK

The s.s. President Polk arrived to-day with Captain W. A. Ross en route around the world with 116 cabin passengers of whom 28 landed here.

Amongst those on board are:—

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock and family of four children en route around the world. Mr. Fahnestock is a ship owner of New York City.

Mr. David C. Berger is the U.S. Consul at Swatow. He is returning to his post after a vacation at his home in Gretna, Va.

Mr. F. Benbow-Rowe is a merchant of Shanghai, returning to his business after a trip abroad.

Mr. Casper Durgin and family. Mr. Durgin is going to Manila to take up a post there in the Geodetic Survey Department, having been transferred from the Pacific Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belbin are en route to Singapore, where Mr. Belbin will be connected with the General Motors Co.

Mr. Jacob Pfeiffer and Mr. John Brown are returning to Singapore for the Standard Oil Co. after a vacation in the States.

Mr. Victor Helm is en route to Singapore for the Goodyear Orient Co., Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Steyffert are en route to Singapore, where Mr. Steyffert will take up his duties with the Ford Motor Co.

QUARANTINE

Quarantine measures have been adopted in two places against arrivals from Hong Kong, on account of the alleged presence here of smallpox.

All cabin and steerage passengers entering the Philippines from Hong Kong will have to be vaccinated or to present satisfactory evidence of vaccination within one year.

The Straits Settlements Government has declared Hong Kong an infected port.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

Consignees of cargo ex M.V. "Remo" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after January 13.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benvenue" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after January 14.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Kobe" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after January 16.

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KHIVA	9,135	18th	Jan.	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	22nd	Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*JEYPORE	5,318	25th	Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MANTUA	10,946	1st	Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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		1930		
TAKADA	6,949	23rd	Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	2nd	Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	7,841	10th	Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	20th	Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,006	3rd	Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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		1930		
*NELLORE	6,853	31st	Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
TANDA	6,956	28th	Feb.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th	Apr.	

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		1930		
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	11th	Jan. 3 p.m.	Moji & Kobe.
TALMA	10,000	14th	Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,128	18th	Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
SHIRALA	7,841	18th	Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,985	25th	Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,936	30th	Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACEDONIA	11,120	31st	Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	4th	Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	10th	Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.

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PREMIER'S EFFIGY BURNT IN MOSCOW

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATED WITH BUREAUCRATS

RELIGION MOCKED

Riga, Yesterday.

According to Soviet newspapers 30,000 adults and 10,000 children participated in an anti-Christmas (old style) demonstration in Moscow. A great procession was headed by lorries, carrying tableaux showing priests in vestments engaged in buffoonery, and prominent foreign politicians and others, and also loads of ikons, clerical garments and other religious objects. Crowds danced around a huge Christmas tree decorated with the effigies of Mr. MacDonald, M. Briand, President Hindenburg, Marshal Pilsudski, and other "notorious counter-revolutionaries, monks, drunkards, priests and bureaucrats," which was subsequently burned. Similar demonstrations were held in the chief provincial towns.—Reuter.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 23rd inst. or they will not be recognised.

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LIGHTHOUSE DUES

Last Year's Record Eclipsed

Glasgow.—On account of the retirement of Mr. William Law from the Clyde Lighthouses Trust it was necessary at the annual meeting, to elect a new chairman.

Mr. Arch N. Lindsay, deputy-chairman, who presided, said it was with great pleasure he submitted the name of their colleague, Mr. George Sloan, who joined the Trust in 1911, and was appointed to the Management Committee in 1920. There was no member of the Trust who was better acquainted with its affairs or took more interest in them. The appointment was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Sloan took the chair, and after expressing his thanks for the honour, paid a tribute to the work of his predecessor.

Mr. Lindsay was re-elected deputy-chairman.

In presenting the annual accounts, the Chairman said the revenue for the year amounted to £19,860, being an increase of £822 on the previous year. The expenditure chargeable to revenue amounted to £13,620, being a decrease of £4,922 compared with the previous year. The surplus of £6,240 had been carried to the revenue reserve account. Dues upon vessels showed an increase of £815. The other sources of income were pretty much the same as in the previous year.

The gross tonnage paying dues to the Trust had amounted to 14,533,622 tons, being an increase of more than one million tons on the total for the previous year, which was the highest on record. Up till that time Glasgow showed a slight decrease of tonnage, but Greenock, on the other hand, was up by over 500,000 tons, the increase being brought about by the large number of liners coming to the Tail of the Bank to embark passengers for Canada and the United States.

An item of interest in last year's working was the appointment of a third keeper at each of the three lighthouses. The experiment which was being carried on by their engineers at Cumbrae, in the endeavour to enable ships approaching a lighthouse in time of fog to estimate almost correctly their distance from the lighthouse, was a source of great interest, not only locally, but all over the world. At a conference held in London during last summer, at which were represented a great many of the foreign lighthouse authorities, they were all deeply interested, and only the other day their clerk received a communication from Berlin referring to this work being carried on at the Cumbrae. They all watched it with interest, and would be very glad to hear that Mr. Stevenson was able to do something more to help the mariner. (Applause).

The accounts were approved.

In the minutes of the Management Committee it was stated that it had been agreed to grant the use of the Cloch Slipway for embarking mails and newspapers to be ferried to Dunoon during the winter months.

REMOVING THE CELTIC WRECK

Dublin.—In a letter to the Cork Harbour Board the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company state they sold the Celtic to Messrs. Petersen and Albeck, and obtained from them an indemnity against all claims which may be made by the Harbour Board. This indemnity is supported by a Lloyd's policy in the joint names of Petersen and Albeck and the Oceanic Steam Navigation Co. for £20,000, in addition to which there is £5,000 deposit in the name of the Oceanic Co. with the London Salvage Association pending the satisfactory removal of the wreck, and in the event of the Cork Harbour Board incurring expenditure connected with the removal of the wreck the Board may recover same from the Oceanic Co. as owners of the Celtic at the time of stranding.

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TROPICAL DISEASE MYSTERY

DEATHS IN AMERICA BELIEVED TO ORIGINATE FROM PARROTS

"PSITTACOSIS"

New York, Yesterday.

Several outbreaks of a mysterious tropical disease called Psittacosis, believed to have contracted from parrots, is reported from four different places in America. The United States' Public Health Services have warned all owners of parrots to handle their pets very cautiously.

One death is reported from Toledo, three cases in Annapolis, Maryland, three in one family at Warren, Ohio, and four of the employees in the Pet Animal Emporium, Baltimore. It is established that the victims recently purchased or handled parrots which were ill and soon died. Berlin messages report that five people in Germany have died and 15 are ill through Psittacosis. — Reuter's American Service.

FARMERS ATTEND WINTER FAIR

Montreal.—Making their annual pilgrimage to the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, a lively group of juvenile farmers, provincial champions of the boys' and girls' swine and cattle clubs of the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, have passed through Montreal as guests of the agricultural department of the Canadian National Railways which sponsors the trips of the young farmers to the winter fair each year. From the judging at this fair three juveniles will be selected to go to England in the summer to represent Canada at the International Cattle Judging Contest held by the National Association of Farm Clubs of Britain.

Montreal. — Meat from the champion market lamb of Quebec province costs three dollars a pound at the First Annual Montreal Livestock Show held at the new million dollar stock yards of the Canadian National Railways at Montreal.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

January 11 to 17, 1930.

Date	High Water		Lower Water.	
January	Standard Times	Ht	Standard Times	Ht.
Sat. 11	m 6 38	4.3	m 0 55	2.4
	6 5 a	6.9	m 11 39	3.1
Sun. 12	m 7 53	4.2	m 1 51	1.8
	6 48 a	7.5	0 20 a	3.1
Mon. 13	m 9 1	4.1	m 2 40	0.8
	7 35 a	8.0	1 3 a	5.3
Tues. 14	m 10 3	4.1	m 3 24	0.4
	8 23 a	8.4	1 46 a	3.3
Wed. 15	m 10 59	4.2	m 4 7	1.0
	9 17 a	8.6	2 37 a	3.2
Thurs 16	m 11 48	4.2	m 4 50	0.1
	10 10 a	8.6	3 18 a	3.1
Fri. 17	0 23 a	4.3	m 5 34	0.1
	11 5 a	8.1	4 30 a	3.1

MANCHESTER PORT ACTIVITY

The importance of Manchester as a fruit centre is underlined by the fact that the Scottish Prince, with a cargo of 26,700 cases of Jaffa oranges, the first consignment of the new season's fruit, and the Sorland, which left Valencia on November 26, are bringing what Manchester fruit brokers say will be the largest single consignment of Valencia fruit ever brought to Manchester. The cargo, mainly oranges, totals 32,000 cases.

The despatch of locomotives is becoming a feature of Manchester docks traffic. In November twelve locomotives and tenders were slipped for India and two sleeping coaches for Port Soudan on the Belnor. The locomotives and tenders, which were shipped fully-assembled, were made by the Vulcan Foundry, Newton-le-Willows, and are destined for the Bombay, Baroda and Central Indian Railways, and the Assam-Bengal Railways. The two sleeping coaches, made by the Gloucester Coach and Waggon Co. are for the Soudan Government Railways.

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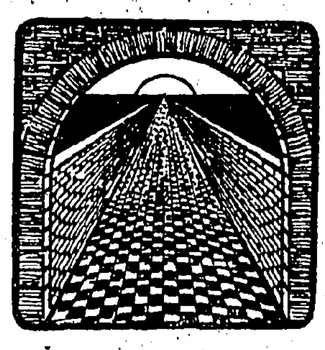

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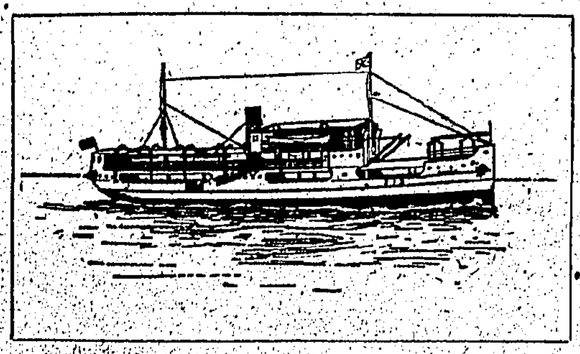

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STILL WATERS

Anti-Smallpox Measures

The interest of the community could not but be aroused by the questions and answers at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, on Tuesday, relative to smallpox and the preventive measures which have been adopted. It is a matter which concerns every one, Chinese and non-Chinese, resident in the Colony, and, that being so, we feel sure that the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services will not take umbrage if we venture to make some observations. We have no fault to find with the measures regarding disinfection. On the other hand, we strongly urge that such measures should be strictly enforced. There should be no exception made. What we cannot understand is the tolerant attitude adopted by the Health Authority in allowing cases to be treated in the homes of patients. Of course, we understand that those desirous of treating a case of smallpox at home will have to comply with certain conditions, but even those conditions will not prevent infection. Merely posting a notice outside of one's door to say that there is a case of smallpox within; vaccination of the inmates and disinfection are the conditions that have to be complied with. Are these enough to prevent infection? The answer is not far to seek, for in one of his replies to the questions asked by Mr. M. K. Lo, the President of the Sanitary Board said "The vaccinated, though themselves immune, are capable of carrying the infection to the susceptible." Realising this danger, one may ask why the Health Authority should be so tolerant, even to the extent of jeopardising the health of the Colony in general, by humouring to treat a case of smallpox at home? Removal of such a case to an isolation hospital should be the whims of those who desire one of the compulsory measures to be put into force. We know that the ignorant class of Chinese are none too observant in sanitary measures, and what assurance do we get that they wash their hands with lysol or other disinfectant after touching the patient? How are we to know that our amahs have not visited a patient so afflicted and then return home to carry the disease to our children? It is needless to enumerate the risks that we all run if cases of smallpox are allowed to be treated at home, and the sooner this concession is abolished the better and safer for all concerned.

A Crying Need

What the Colony needs most is an isolation hospital. At present we have no accommodation for infectious cases. At the Government Civil Hospital one can find cases of consumption, malaria, typhoid and other equally infectious cases. It is a wonder to all that such a sad state of affairs should exist in a "model" Crown Colony like Hong Kong. There is no excuse whatever for it. It is nothing but sheer indifference on the part of the authorities—and of the public themselves. It can not be argued that Hong Kong has been unhinged by the disturbing elements in China and that being the cause, that progress has been necessarily retarded. Hong Kong, if the truth must be told, has never to a very serious extent been affected by the troubles in China. Our increasing revenues is a silent testimony of her prosperity. On the other hand one can candidly say that every thing depends on the administration.

A Splendid Example

We have only to take Shanghai for an example. There the International Concession is being almost daily threatened by the internecine troubles in China. The administration of the Concession, taking the ever recurring troubles of the cosmopolitan community, and the ever recurring troubles of the Chinese, into consideration, must necessarily be an arduous and heart-breaking task, and yet in spite of these hindrances, the International Concession of Shanghai is far ahead of Hong Kong in all respects. There is an isolation hospital which is run on similar lines to those operating in big cities in Europe and America, and the health measures adopted there put Hong Kong to shame.

The Removal of Garbage

Take the removal of garbage, for instance. Here in Hong Kong, residents have to accumulate their refuse, garbage, etc., in their kitchens until the refuse motor lorry makes its round to collect them. The lorry comes round twice a day, but, in the meantime, the garbage in one's kitchen is left to breed germs and to give out an odour which is at once annoying and unhealthy. Then, like the caravan, leaving its marks wherever it has rested, these garbage lorries always leave behind a good collection of refuse wherever they stopped. In Shanghai, such a thing is simply not done. In every block of ten or twelve houses, there is a garbage box built either in a side lane or in a corner of the roadway. These boxes are bult of concrete with a steel trap door on top, and another steel door at the side. The latter door is always kept locked, and the key is with the scavengers. The boxes are about four feet square and about three feet deep. The provision of these garbage boxes encourages house-holders to empty their receptacles whenever there is any refuse in them. In this way nothing which will be likely to breed germs and flies are kept in the house. The garbage boxes are constructed in such a manner that they are not a nuisance to the public. Refuse is dumped into them by lifting the top trap door, and it closes itself. These boxes are emptied at night by scavengers, and, after each emptying, a good shoveful of chloride of lime is spread on the bottom of the well. At no time does a garbage well give out any bad smell nor does it attract any flies. They are so hermetically closed in that passers-by cannot see what is inside them unless the top trap door is lifted. Taking this method with the one now in use in Hong Kong as a contrast, one can see that this Colony would benefit hygienically and financially by copying the Northern port. Half of the fleet of motor lorries which are now in use for this purpose could be dispensed with, and the residents would be so much the more better off in many respects.

News in Brief

The January Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 20.

Mr. William Sprague, has been appointed an Assistant Government Marine Surveyor (Ship Surveyor) in the Harbour Department.

Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., R.E. and Mr. E. M. Moon, M.I.C.E. have been appointed members of the Authorised Architects' Committee, Hong Kong.

The name of Dr. Kwok Ying-kong, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong), of No. 242, Queen's Road East, has been added to the local register of medical practitioners.

Unless cause to the contrary is shown in three months, the name of the Graeco-Egyptian Tobacco Store, Ltd., will be struck off the register of companies.

A "national" bazaar was opened by Rear-Admiral and Mrs. A. J. B. Stirling (formerly of Hong Kong) at the Central Wesleyan Hall, Chatham, December 4.

Capt. F. G. Sillitoe, R.M. (seconded), of Hong Kong, is to be transferred to appointment as A.D.C. to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, February 1. He leaves here with Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi.

The names of a number of members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade have been added to the list of those authorised to perform vaccinations. Four are from the Y.W.C.A. Division, three from the Victoria Nursing Division and 27 from King's College Division.

Notifications appear in the "Gazette" of the resumption of the following posts:—Postmaster General, Mr. M. J. Breen (who acted as Colonial Treasurer); Assistant Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Lt.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., who has been on long leave.

Two local residents of long standing, Mr. and Mrs. C. Makeham, celebrated 25 years of married life yesterday afternoon, with a reception at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, when they were congratulated by many friends who enthusiastically toasted their health and wished them long life and continued happiness. Mr. Makeham is a member of the staff of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

HONG KONG BANK

Dividend Declared With Big Carry Forward

The Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the dividend and bonus for the half year ending December 31, 1929, will be:—

Dividend per share	£3
Bonus per share	£1
Add to Silver Reserve Fund	$ 500,000
Write off Bank Premises	$ 750,000
Carry forward to next year about	$3,400,000

The Directors during 1929 transferred $5,000,000 at 2/- equalling £500,000 from Silver Reserve to Sterling Reserve Fund.

AIR AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE

ACTIVITIES TO BE PROFITABLY COMBINED

LOOKING FIVE YEARS AHEAD

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Air Minister, Lord Thomson, who last year had discussions in London with M. Eynac, the French Air Minister, upon methods of Franco-British co-operation in aviation, last night made reference to this subject in a speech to the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris. He said that he and M. Eynac had together examined the air situation in Africa, Arabia and the Far East, and everywhere found that their activities could be profitably combined.

In aviation, it was always necessary to look five years ahead, and in examining the future they had between them planned a web of air communications covering more than half the surface of the globe, the civilising influence of which could only serve to stimulate the growth of Franco-British trade.

The outstanding future of our Western civilisation had been, and would be, the development of means of transportation. In that development Britain and France were bound to play leading parts.

Commenting on the speech the Morning Post remarks that the closing of an air transport agreement between France and Britain would be of immense value, because it would constitute a step towards the abolition of national frontiers, which are at present a most serious obstacle to air intercourse.—British Wireless Service.

EXTRALITY

Nanking, Yesterday.

Dr. C. T. Wang told Pressmen to-day that he was having daily conversations with Sir Miles Lampson regarding all outstanding Sino-British issues, including extrality, the Sino-British Treaty and Weihaiwei. A complete agreement had been reached, he added.—Reuter.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail," January 10, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 1¼d.

War Memorial.—The phrase "war memorial" sounds somewhat familiar. We are convinced we have heard it before somewhere, somewhen. Probably in connection with the World War. As the antennae of memory feel about it, the notion grows that it even had some relation with Hong Kong. Now let us see. What was it? It is simply dreadful to have a memory like this. It must be the climate. There was talk of a committee; but perhaps that was for the Peace Celebration. No. Now we've got it. There were quite a lot of schemes proposed, and the Committee—wasn't it a committee of Panjar drums?—decided to wait for the arrival of the New Governor. How long ago that seems. We do hope the New Governor is not going to let the thing stand over till his successor arrives. Perhaps (this is only a suggestion) the Secretary for Colonial Affairs in London might be asked if (1) we may have a War Memorial and (2) what kind.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

A Famous Shipowner: A Syrian Version: As Good As His Whiskey: China's Boundaries: King George's Fund For Sailors

A Veteran Shipbuilder

THE death occurred in Glasgow recently, at the age of 70, of Mr. George Strachan, one of the best known men in the British shipbuilding industry. For 58 years he was associated with the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., Govan, of which he was, in the later years of his service, a director. He was also a director of the Northumberland Shipbuilding Co. (1927), Ltd., Howdon-on-Tyne.

He was a member of a famous shipbuilding family. One of his brothers is Mr. Robert Strachan, engineering manager and director of the Fairfield Company, another is Mr. William Strachan, of Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., Belfast, and a third brother is associated with shipping and shipbuilding in America. His wife died only recently.

Mr. Strachan was an outstanding example of achieving the highest post, after starting at the lowest, through sheer force of character and eternal industry. When, as a boy, he joined the firm in 1871, then known as Messrs. John Elder and Co., he was made "a ticket boy," and worked to the position of cashier, then secretary, and finally director. He received good wishes from many parts of the world in 1921 when he celebrated his half century with the famous shipbuilding firm.

Mr. Strachan was a director of Doxford's and several other shipbuilding firms. He was a great accountant, and took a prominent part in the administrative and financial side of this prosperous company.

A "Just-so" Story

A Syrian reader who asked for "Arabian Nights" enlivened us with this version of how the stories came to be written:

"Once was a real rich king and he no like girls because he once catch his wife not behaving nice. So he want to kill all girls, everyone of them. He marry one girl one night and the next morning he kill her. He marry them and kill them, just like that. All girls scared stiff because they know their chance come any day. For long time this go on till one day he marry a real good-looking one, but same time real smart, too. She tell the king such wonderful stories that he no kill her because he want to know the end always. For thousand and one nights she tell them stories and for thousand and one nights he no kill her, always he want to know what happen next. When she finish her last story he no hate girls no more. He love her and the couple babies what born dyting the time she tell the stories."

The Owner of Macnab

LORD Dewar, owner of "The Macnab, one of the much-discussed favourites in the Cambridgeshire to be run recently, is not a betting owner.

His interests, besides racing and distilling, include coursing, prize poultry, and Sealyham terriers. His epigrams are as famous as his whisky. He is good natured, slow spoken, slow moving, unmarried. He has expressive eyebrows and a heavy moustache, and never looks so mournful as when he is being particularly witty. With "Dewarism" he has added a new word to the English language.

Foreign "Trespassers"

PROPOSALS have been submitted to the Mayor by the Reconstruction Commission suggesting that further investigations should be made by the Chinese authorities into the exact boundaries between Chinese territory and the foreign settlements so as to prevent foreigners from further encroaching upon Chinese territory; that the various taxes introduced by the Municipality of Greater Shanghai should be reduced or abolished, as a number of factories have removed from Chinese territory to the foreign settlement as a result of the heavy taxation in Chinese territory; and that more bridges should be built and more tramway lines should be constructed in Chapei in order to facilitate communications.

King George's Fund for Sailors

ONE of the shipping charities remembered at Christmas was the King George's Fund for Sailors. The income of the fund is distributed in grants to the marine benevolent institutions, such as homes, hospitals, orphanages, pension funds, schools, etc., maintained for distressed seamen and their dependants. Grants are only given after a special examination of accounts, methods of administration and objects of usefulness of the institutions applying for aid. Since the inauguration of the fund the council has distributed £806,276 to care for the sick, wounded and distressed sailors, their widows, dependants and orphans, and the annual distribution since 1917 has averaged £80,000.

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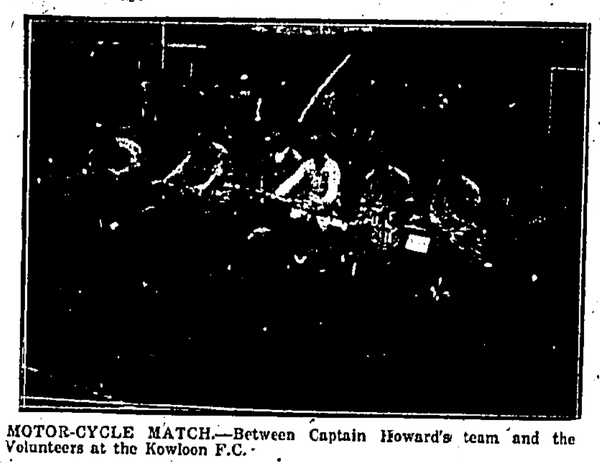
THE G.O.C.—Left to right, Lt. J. Baskervyle-Glegg, the Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons), H.E. the General Officer Commanding the British Troops, China (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), Lt. D. R. M. Cameron, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.—(K. Fujiyama).

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB CARNIVAL.—The fancy dress annual "soccer" match between Married and Single which inevitably ends in a draw. Other festivities at the K.F.C. are recorded elsewhere on this page.—(K. Fujiyama).

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB. — A flashlight group taken on the occasion of the President's dance given on New Year's Eve.—(K. Fujiyama).

STILL ON THE JOB IN NANKING.—When rumours were current that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, President of the National Government of China, owing to several revolts, was away from Nanking, Mr. George T. Krainukov, of Paramount News, was, by exclusive permission, with the President in Nanking. The above pictures were taken on December 12 by Mr. Krainukov, showing (left) "General Chiang's own," the 2nd Division going to Dr. Sun's Tomb, where President Chiang (who is seen on right) made a forceful speech to them. This was after the "Pukow Mutiny."

AT THE K.F.C.—"Sir Cumference and Lady de Tong" at the fun on New Year's Day.

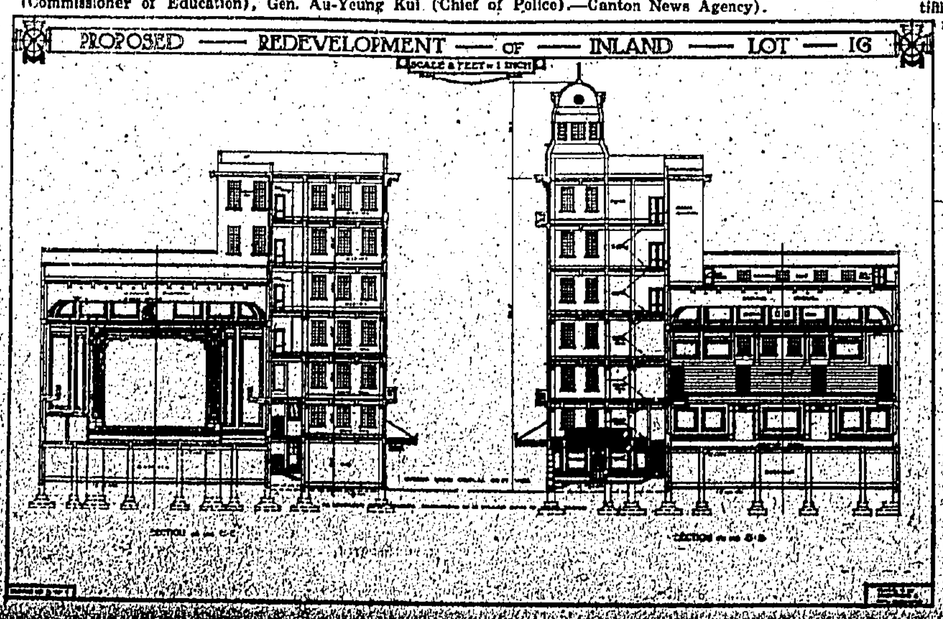


MOTOR-CYCLE MATCH.—Between Captain Howard's team and the Volunteers at the Kowloon F.C.

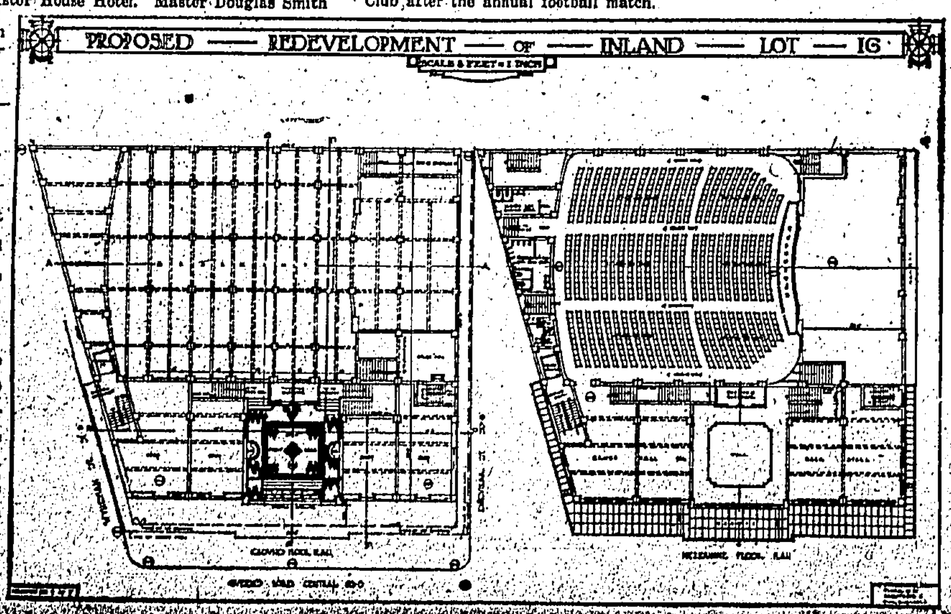
CANTON OFFICIALS ENTERTAIN.—At the Canton Municipal Athletic Association on January 2. From the back of the table to the right: Mr. G. S. Moss, M.B.E. (British Consul-General), Admiral Chan Chak (standing, wearing blazer), H.E. General Chan Ming-shu (Governor), Mr. R. D. Wolcott (District Salt Inspector), Gen. Cheung Wai-tseung (head of National Aviation), Gen. Chan Hing-wan, Gen. Wong Keung (Defence Commissioner, Hainan Island), Mr. Braud (Commissioner of Customs), Mr. Hsu Chung-ching (Commissioner of Education), Gen. Au-Yeung Kui (Chief of Police).—Canton News Agency).

HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN.—International Day at the Rotary Club's tiffin in Shanghai, held at the Astor House Hotel. Master Douglas Smith represented "Uncle Sam" and Donald Marsh was "John Bull" on the interesting occasion.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

NEW YEAR'S DAY REVELS.—Another scene at the Kowloon Football Club after the annual football match.

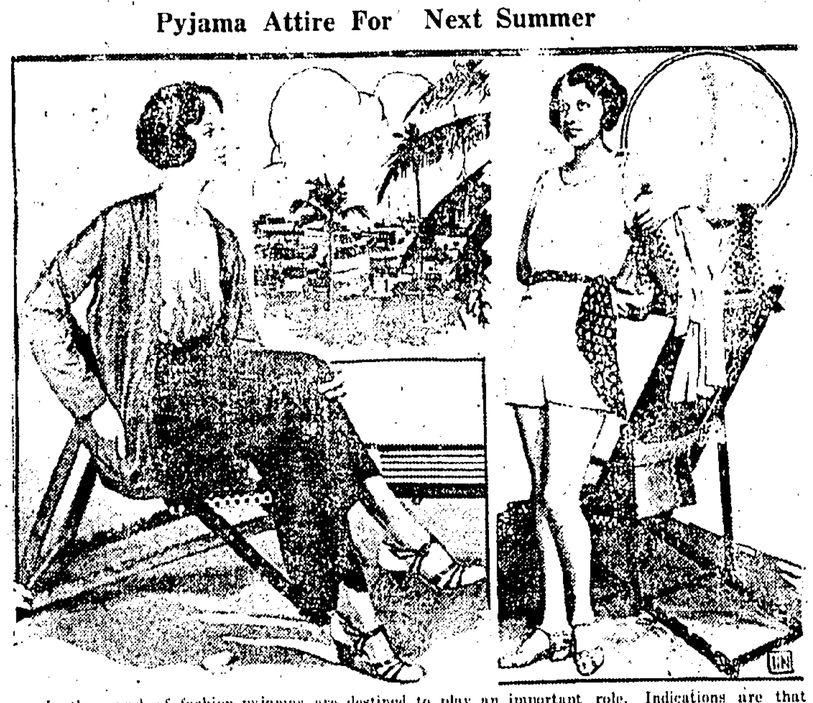


PROPOSED NEW THEATRE IN THE COLONY.—On the site of the present Yee Sang Fat building and the old Coronet Theatre in Wyndham Street, a big Chinese syndicate plans to build a magnificent theatre with accommodation for 1,000 and offices, etc., on the upper floors. On either side are drawings and plans prepared by the architects, Messrs. Clark & Iu, which are self-explanatory.



The WOMAN'S Page

Pyjama Attire For Next Summer



In the march of fashion pyjamas are destined to play an important role. Indications are that next summer will see the pyjama attire at resorts, in addition to daily indoor wear. The chic ensemble shown above is made of tunshun, having a skirt which can be worn separately. Left, a white jersey with printed silk belt will be just the thing for the surf when the summer comes around. The suit and coat are bound with the same material, having a tiny pocket for 'change, or what have you? The flat-heeled coy sandal fits with the rest of the costume.

Pyjamas now go everywhere but to bed. In keeping with the era of extreme femininity in fashions, the nightgown is just now the correct go-to-bed attire, and pyjamas are very much in the mode for boudoir and lounge wear. Pyjama ensembles of various design, fabric, and colouring added much to the gaiety of nations at the various European seashore resorts this Summer. The fortunates who spent the season at the Lido, and later at Biarritz, San Sebastian and Cap d'Antibes are already planning better and brighter pyjamas for wear this Winter. And so of course next Summer will see all of us wearing 'em whether it be at the local beach, or for strictly home wear.

Just so that you will be able to design your lounging or beach suit long before another vacation rolls around, Mary Nowitzky, Schiaparelli and all the other designers in Paris who specialise in glorified beach wear, prophesy that printed material combined with monotone fabrics will be most in demand. Trousers of gaily printed design in fine crepe, with godets to give the necessary flare, will be combined with a monotone blouse and a long straight coat lined with the printed fabric. These beach ensembles were most in demand during the Dido season by women who are known to have an important voice in the vogue. Many of these fashionables will also wear beach ensembles of Shantung in both prints and monotones, especially pastel shades combined with vivid prints to form a harmonious contrast.

Every bathing suit, even if it doesn't go near the water must have its matching coat. Jersey in both fine wool and silk weaves is what the good-looking bather will wear next Summer. Many beach suits are completed by sandals lined with the predominant colour and fabric of the suit, as well as a matching parasol. Some suits boast a wrap-around skirt for those that might want a change from the pyjama-trousers, although up to now, judging from the reports of visitors to the European resorts this year, pajama suits were on twenty-four hour duty. We seem to be headed for a pleasant, comfortable Summer with lounging as a fine art.

AN IDEAL NURSERY

The members of the Babies' Club in London who listened to Dr. W. A. Potts's lecture on educating children—and husbands, had the most suitable background in the world, for Lady (Roderick) Jones had lent her enormous day-nursery or playroom for the occasion.

This is a really delightful room painted in creamy pink with the nursery china of buff and blue neatly stowed away in a glass-fronted cabinet, and two other big walnut chests, presumably full of toys.

The nursery clock was a lifelike copy of St. James's Palace and buff and blue-striped curtains, to match the china, hung at the wide, airy windows.

The Babies' Club is a very lively institution for puzzled but conscientious young mothers who want to bring up their babies on modern lines.

Among the members are Viscountess Wolmer, who has a large family according to modern standards, Lady Monk Bretton, Lady (Victor) Horsley, and Miss Vera Brittain (Mrs. Cattlin), who writes on economics.

A PLEASED BRIDESMAID

One recent bride, Miss Betty Fox, who married Captain Basil Allfrey, delighted her bridesmaids by choosing practical frocks which could be worn afterwards.

Miss Pamela Bowes-Loyn, the Duchess of York's cousin, proudly wore hers at the Duchess of Norfolk's tea-party in connection with Mrs. Frank Worthington's matinee in aid of the Club of the Veterans' Association.

FASHION AND STYLE

There is a new and friendly feeling established between fashion and style.

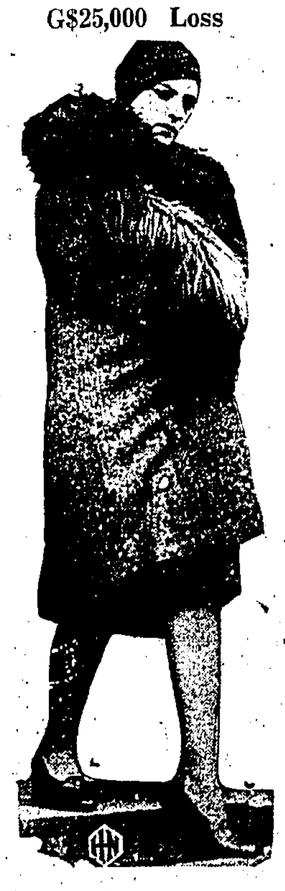
The great designers are more than ever insistent that a changing mode requires many more things besides fabric, cut, and colour before it can be completed and worthy of a place among beautiful and lasting fashions.

I always think "style" is a quality more or less born in the individual. Although the progress of style can be assisted and brought to perfection, it is, like chic, a sort of intangible possession that cannot be cultivated unless the seed is there.

Style to-day has more or less come into its own. The mode has once again fallen on to good days, inasmuch as it is enjoying a revival in models that are so intricate in workmanship that they cannot be produced by the million, but require the stylist in dress to do them justice.

Much as I advocate and appreciate the many practical virtues of the ready-made garment, (writes Mrs. C. W. Forester), it should never be expected to rival that product of much thought that depends on wonderful colour, fabric, cut, stitchery, and the hundred-and-one details that all assist towards the perfect model.

G$25,000 Loss



Award of G$25,000 for loss of hair and scalp injuries was granted Regina Kaplan. In her suit against a beauty salon, she asserted that celluloid combs used to treat her hair ignited under heat of an electric dryer. Doctors say that the victim's hair is permanently destroyed.

THE JEWEL PARADE

Diamond anklets worn on the left ankle, sparkling diamond bandeaux encircling curled coiffures and extremely bare-back modes were among the more spectacular features of the wonderful Dress and Jewel Parade by Lelong, Lanvin, Worth, and Cartier which took place at the May Fair Hotel, London, on November 14.

Mme. de Fleuriau, the wife of the French Ambassador, was the hostess, and there was a brilliant gathering of British and French sympathisers with the French Benevolent Society, which benefited by the parade.

Black gowns of transparent fabrics or of velvet, exquisitely moulded to the figure, proved the most effective backgrounds for the display of diamonds and other jewellery to the value of round about a million pounds.

The transparent black capelet worn with the bare-back evening gown was one of the dress successes of the afternoon.

SKIRTS GO REGULAR

The fashion surprise of the season is the return of the regular hem line. Travis Banton, creator of Paramount fashions, was one of the first to incorporate this new mode in the costumes he designed for Helene Chadwick and Doris Hill for their role in Paramount's "Men Are Like That". All the frocks measured the accepted fourteen inches from the floor, but the hem lines were noticeably even all the way around.

FLAT FURS IN VOGUE

Furs have stopped being furry this season and Travis Banton, creator of Paramount Fashions, keeps his creations in step with the accepted mode of pelts. Clever fall coats designed by Banton for Helene Chadwick and Doris Hill for their roles of Paramount's production, "Men Are Like That", were trimmed with such flat furs as broadtail, Summer ermine, shaved caracul and lapin.

TWEEDS POPULAR NOW

"Tweeds will be seen upon every occasion this season, with the exception, of course, of formal events."

Travis Banton, creator of Paramount fashions, makes this trite statement. Furthermore, Banton backed up his contention by creating two chic tweed costumes apiece for Helene Chadwick and Doris Hill to wear in Paramount's production, "Men Are Like That".

HOUSEDRESS SIMPLICITY

According to Travis Banton, creator of Paramount fashions, three rules should be fulfilled by all house frocks,—simplicity, daintiness, crispness. Banton created three clever frocks of this type for Doris Hill in Paramount's "Men Are Like That." Checked gingham, flowered pique and voile were the materials used.

PRINCESS SILHOUETTE

An adaptation for the princess silhouette is significant. This appears on a dull, slate-blue satin evening dress made without any trimming except designed line movements on a plain front, which is adapted to the princess silhouette by means of narrow strips of the material tied in a bow across the back.

These ties are placed at the side of another evening dress in green taffetas lame, with a metal floral design. However, the bow is tied above hips fitted under stitched lines, that maintain the fullness of the skirt until it is released to fall in graceful folds to the ground.

Welcome Santa Claus!

A successful Christmas Entertainment was given by the Infant Department of the French Municipal College of the French Concession, Shanghai; a large number of parents and friends being present to witness the most interesting annual function. The above picture shows the arrival of Santa Claus in one of the scenes.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

UNWANTED WEDDING GIFT

Pictures as wedding presents, the Duchess of Norfolk has just discovered, are out of date! There is very little room for them on the walls of the modern small house or flat. And as a result a very pleasing copy of a famous Gainsborough painting of a child stands against the wall in her St. James's Square drawing-room, looking utterly unwanted in a room already full of valuable paintings.

She happened to pass a shop where this picture was being shown, liked it, and bought it as a wedding present for a friend, before she discovered that the couple had decided not to have any pictures. A friend of hers who knows the original well has told her that it is a very attractive copy. And as it gives her pleasure to look at, she is going to find room for it—somewhere!

Pony Fur & Felt

An entirely new line is shown in this charming model of pony fur and felt.—Reslaw, London.

A SMART "PULL-UPWARDS"

A slightly new note is creeping into the various silhouettes—a smart "pull-upwards" at the ankle. This solves the problem of the once dowdy ankle-length! A reference to the possible hobble, and this frankly signifies the old "tube" look in the skirt. It is really a smart line, and is doubtless on the way for a fair measure of success. It is good for the cloth tweed coat, and helps to a smarter silhouette for the country. There were one or two examples at Newmarket, in the belted tweed coat, of longer proportions. In broadtail cloth a narrow tube-like line running inwards at the hem was quite smart. It improved the longer length.

Personally (writes Mrs. Forester in the "London Daily Telegraph") I think there is something going on behind the scenes to do with tubes and hobbles!

REINCARNATED GLORIES

It is not necessary to-day to confuse style or to attempt to cheapen the really beautiful fabrics and colours of the past by indifferent copies. This year may be rightly termed one of resuscitated or reincarnated glories. The aesthetic side of dressing can be firmly adhered to in the evening, with perhaps modern adaptations that all make for beauty.

Fashion is helpful to industry, and those who appreciate the significance of style will welcome this desire for exclusive and even more expensive clothes when they represent real value.

Newer elegance in dress brings forth all sorts of industrial revivals in the service of dress. Fine embroideries and laces, dainty handstitchery, artistic decorations in details represented in all floral and bead work. Dress, jewellery, fichus, feathers and fans, leather and wool specialities, and a host of quaint original fancies prove that fashion is once more "in quest of the beautiful."

A NEW INDUSTRY

A writer in the London "Daily Telegraph" says:—

A young friend of mine who, for the last six months, has been looking glumly for a congenial job, is now a happy man. His despondency has turned suddenly to a grave hauteur, and the responsibilities of life are about to rest heavily upon him.

He is going into partnership with a man who breeds silver foxes for ladies' furs; not in Canada, as might be supposed, but in Scotland. His "farm" is apparently already a flourishing concern.

There are thirty such breeding establishments in Great Britain to-day; some in the West Country, some on the East Coast, one as far north as Aberdeen.

When you hear that the fox breeders get as much as £250 for a very good silver fox fur, you realise the possibilities of the business.

He waved aside my pessimism about fashions changing and there being a glut of unwanted silver foxes. It would seem that there is always a keen demand for these skins in Britain and on the Continent.

STYLE REELS

(By Howard Greer)

Dorothy Mackaill appreciates the figured moires and taffetas which are a feature of the new season's collections. One of her more formal evening gowns of shell pink taffeta printed in a flowery design of deep rose and grey, has the moulded bodice extending well below the hips. Surmounting a circular skirt are two small ruffles, adjusted like double peplums. The ruffles as well as the hem of the dress are bound in pale pink satin. Two triangular cutouts give a new touch to either side of the V decolletage.

BRIDAL FASHIONS

The Countess of March recently lent her house, 12, Norfolk-Crescent, London, for the reception following the marriage of her cousin, Miss Lorna Mary Caroline Hudson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hudson, of Bylaugh, Old Hall, Norfolk, to Mr. Clifford Julian Turpin, eldest son of the Rev. J. J. and Mrs Turpin, of Parame, France, at St. Mark's Church, North Audley-Street.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory silk fish net over satin. The frock was cut with a long-waisted bodice, slightly gathered in the front, and a draped flounce at the back of the corsage, held with a diamante ornament. The train, also of fish net, fell from the waist, and finished with silk and diamante tassels which were carried by Miss Elaine Berney. Miss Hudson's long tulle veil was secured by a wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of bronze chrysanthemums.

Miss Monica Hudson (sister of the bride), and Miss Mary Barrington (cousin of the bridegroom) were in attendance. Their frocks of bronze chiffon, lined with flame-coloured chiffon, had basque flounces at the waist, loose cape collars, and full flounces, forming their uneven hemmed skirts. Bronze velour hats completed their toilettes, and they carried sheaves of bronze chrysanthemums, tied with shot-green taffeta ribbon.

The trainbearer's bronze chiffon-frilled frock was girdled at the waist with leaves in autumn colourings, and her wreath was composed of wallflowers.

NEW EVENING LINE

The new evening line is expressed most gracefully and with distinction in the model gown given by Worth as first prize in connection with the sale of fans at the Infants' Hospital Ball.

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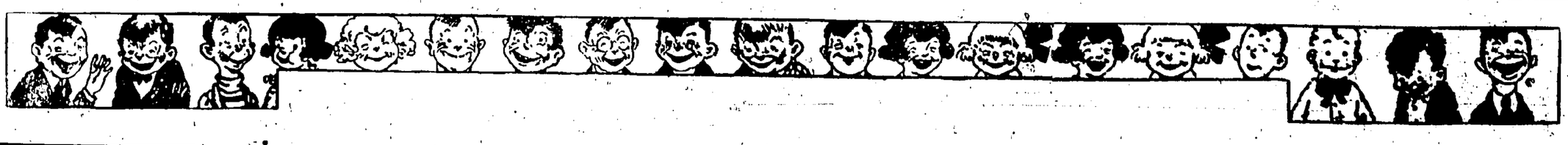

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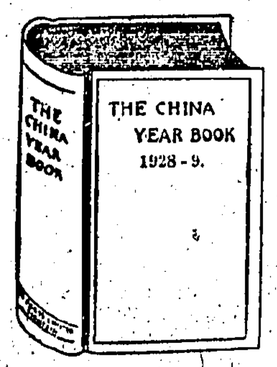

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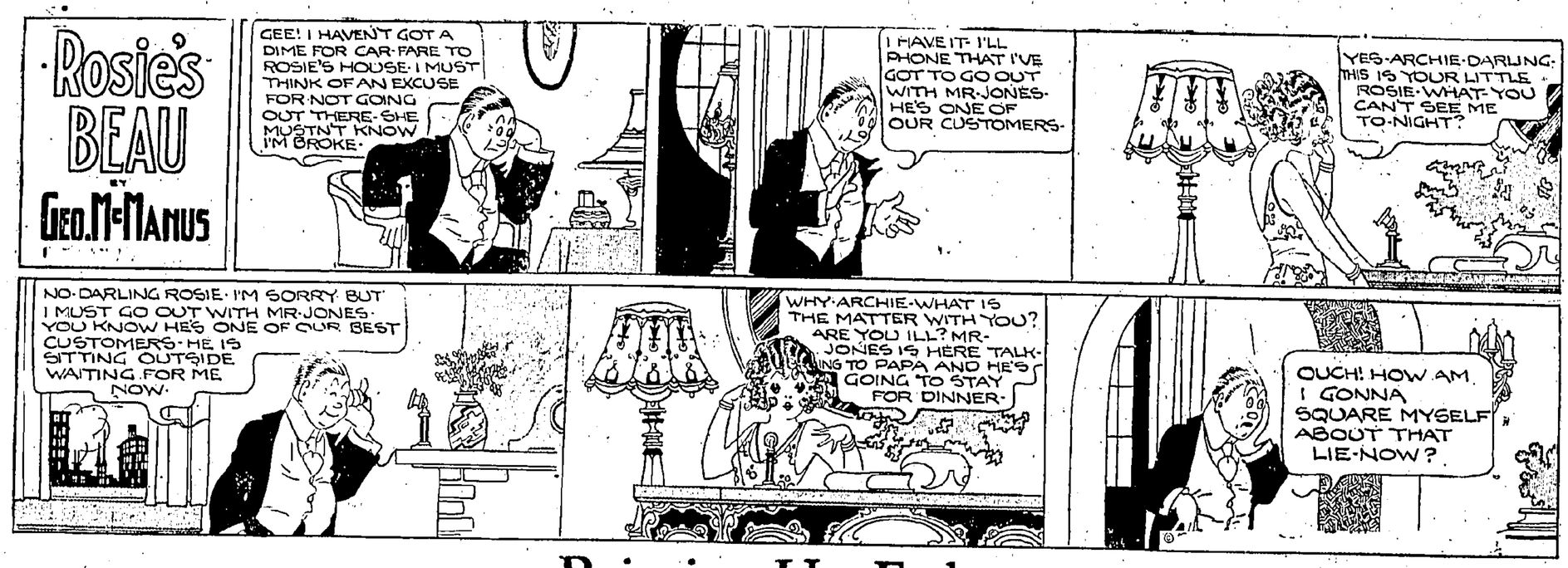

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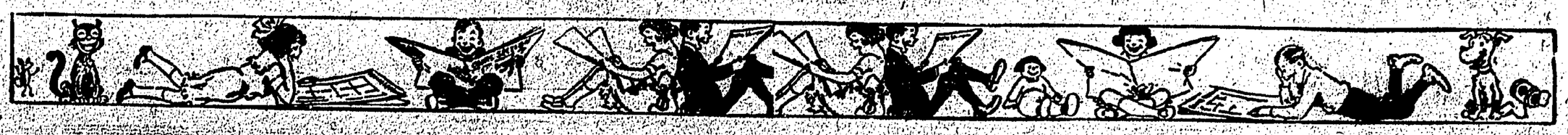

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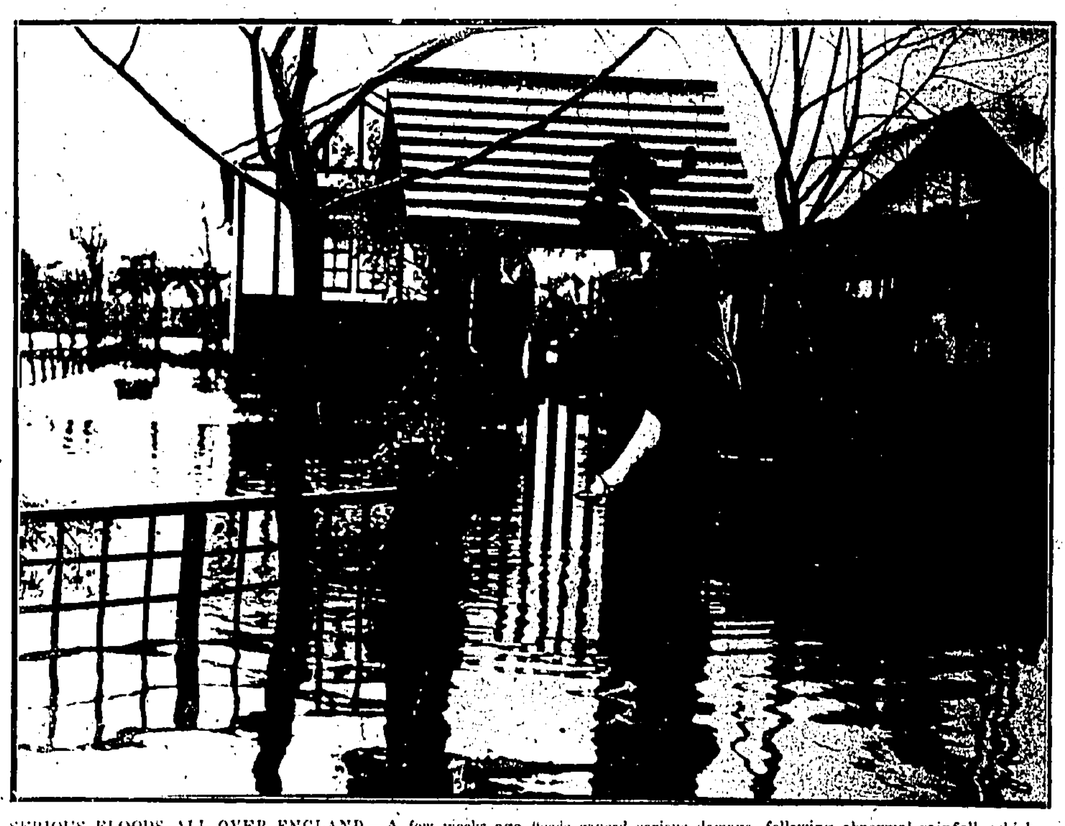
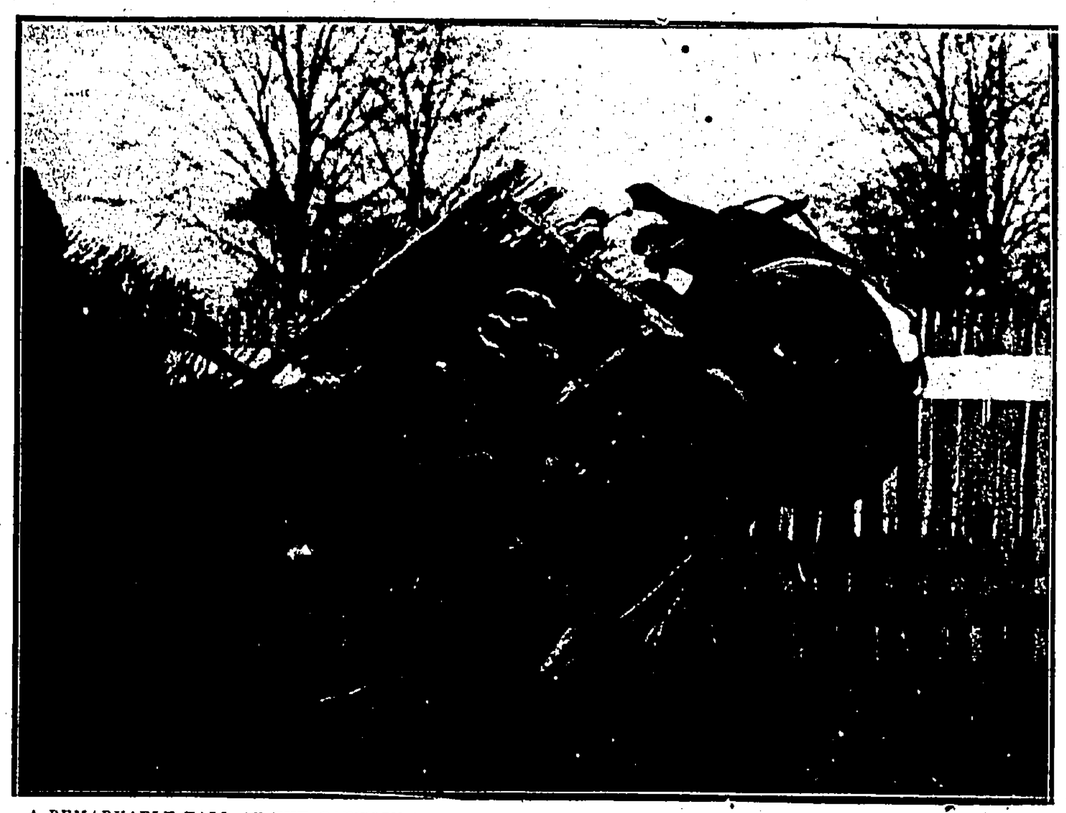


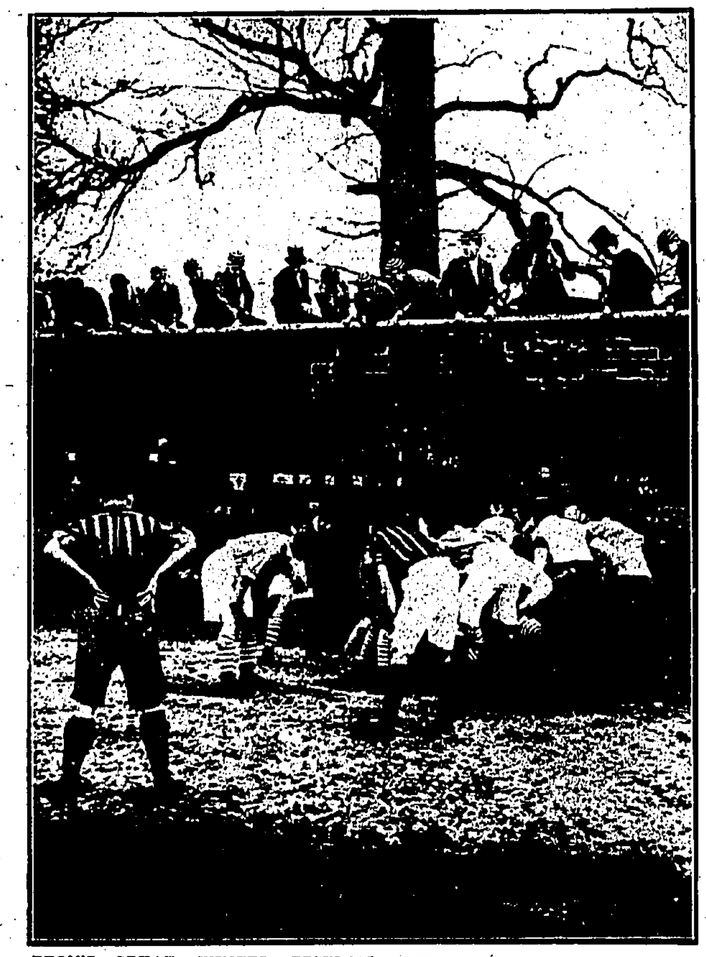
SERIOUS FLOODS ALL OVER ENGLAND.—A few weeks ago floods caused serious damage, following abnormal rainfall, which in some districts was heavier in November than in any month in the last 100 years. Here is a scene at Halliford, Shepperton on-Thames, Middlesex, showing householders rescuing their cat from the lytch gate of their bungalow.—(Sport and General).



A REMARKABLE FALL AT THE GATWICK STEEPLECHASES.—The wrong way to take a hurdle ending in a nasty spill! Mr. P. Hand's "Beau Sabreur" crashing into the wing at the end of the hurdle and pitching its jockey on the far side of the rails. The jockey, M. Feakes, broke his leg.—(Sport and General).

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE OF THE GREAT GALE.—A hurricane, during which at times the wind reached a velocity of over 90 miles an hour, swept over the British Isles on the night of December 4, leaving havoc in its train. Heavy rain which accompanied the gale caused further flooding of the country. This is a view of a house at Islington, London, which collapsed in the gale. Ten people, eight of whom were children, were in the house at the time.—(Sport and General).

GOLDEN BRIDE'S PRIVATE WEDDING.—A brilliant society wedding at Knole House, Sevenoaks, Kent, where the Hon. Diana Sackville-West, daughter of Lord Sackville, was married to Lord Romilly. The ceremony was performed by special licence in the private family chapel. The bride wore a robe of gold, with embroidered train to match the dress. She and the bridegroom are shown passing into the baronial hall after the ceremony.—(Sport and General).



ETON'S GREAT WINTER FESTIVAL. — The famous wall game, peculiar to Eton, has been played annually between the Collegers and Opidans since 1841. A tree at one end acts as one goal, while the famous wall forms the other goal. The game is seen in progress. It ended in a pointless draw. No goal has been scored since 1909. Note the onlookers on the wall. — (Sport and General).

A PRETTY SCENE.—At a rehearsal for the tableaux at the Portrait Painters' Ball, held at the Grafton Galleries, London. This is a delightful tableau, "The Parson's Daughter," featuring Rear-Admiral E. A. Taylor as "Romney," Mrs. Ernest A. Taylor, Mrs. J. Wreford Paddin and Master K. Sempson.—(Sport and General).

BRITAIN'S LATEST AIRSHIP.—The R. 100 (sister ship to the R. 101) ready to leave her shed at Howden, Yorkshire, for her trials. The airship was constructed and assembled at Howden by the Airship Guarantee Co., Ltd. Our photo is of the observation windows and the comfortable promenade deck on the port side.—(Sport and General).

DEPARTURE OF SIR C. CLEMENTI

FAREWELL GATHERING ON JANUARY 22

ADDRESS TO BE PRESENTED

The news of the approaching departure of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi from the Colony has been received with mingled sentiments of congratulation to His Excellency on his promotion and regret on the part of both the foreign and Chinese communities in Hong Kong, at the loss of such an able administrator and kind hostess.

Accordingly a representative committee of the various communities of Hong Kong have been in consultation to make arrangements for a function at which the public might have the opportunity of giving expression to their regard and good wishes. The Committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—

Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, Kt., K.C., Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Messrs. B. D. F. Beith, W. H. Bell, A. H. Ferguson, M. T. Johnson, P. Lauder, C. A. da Roza, A. el Arculli, M. P. Taliti, Wong Kwong-tin, M. K. Lo, J. M. Wong, B. Wong Tape, Tse Ka-po, Ip Lan-chuen, T. N. Chau and Ho Leung.

The Hon. Secretaries are Messrs. H. J. Armstrong and E. I. Wynne-Jones.

As a result it has been arranged that on Wednesday, January 22, at 4 p.m. on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, which has been kindly lent for the occasion by the Club, addresses on behalf of the Chinese and foreign communities, respectively, will be presented to His Excellency the Governor, after which addresses will also be presented to Lady Clementi.

Special accommodation will be provided on the ground and tea and other refreshments (including alcoholic drinks) will be provided.

Tickets for the function can be obtained at any of the leading Clubs in the Colony or from one of the Hon. Secretaries mentioned above.

Arrangements are also being made for the amplification of the speeches by loud speakers so that all present may be given an opportunity of hearing the speeches at their ease.

By the kind permission of the Colonel and Officers of the K.O.S.B. the full band and pipes of the regiment will be in attendance and will play musical selections.

SILVER SLUMP

China to Take Concrete Measures

Nanking, Yesterday.

Proceedings at the emergency meeting called to discuss the silver slump, have not been made public, but an official bulletin states that the meeting decided upon concrete measures to deal with the situation.

Later.

Declaring that the slump in silver, and a sensational jump in gold bars has seriously affected the country's finances, and the livelihood of the people, the State Council has resolved to prohibit all speculation in gold bars. It has also instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare adequate measures for dealing with the situation.—Reuter.

ENEMY ACTION

Final Date for Lodging of Claims

The Government of Hong Kong announces that ex gratia awards in respect of claims by British nationals belonging to Hong Kong are now being made.

Attention is particularly directed to the fact that all claims not already lodged must be received by March 31, 1931, at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hong Kong, or, failing this, by the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Colonial Office, London, S.W.1, and that no claim not received by that date will be considered.

Application for further information should be made to the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hong Kong, or, failing this, to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Claims by surviving dependants in respect of loss of life of men serving with the armed forces of the Crown are ineligible to rank as claims against reparation moneys.

TRAIN SMASH

New Delhi, Yesterday.

Six people were killed and 14 injured at Clutterbuckanj in a collision between the Peshawan express and a goods train. The express engine mounted the goods train's front brake van.

Passenger coaches were telescoped, the goods train overturned, and the lines blocked.—Reuter.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

The casualties in the train collision are now 12 killed and 18 injured.—Reuter.

"EVANGELINE" AS A TALKIE

GREATEST DEL RIO FILM TO DATE

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

One of the most remarkable artistic achievements of the screen, in acting, in directing and in photography Dolores Del Rio's "Evangeline, the current United Artists picture at the Queen's Theatre, is winning its plaudits from discriminating local theatre-goers. Worked in continuity form by Finis Fox and produced and directed by Edwin Carewe, as a screen play "Evangeline" is spectacular in its tense, human drama and wholesome and genuinely romantic in its lighter moments.

Thousands of people appear in support of the beautiful and talented Miss Del Rio and those who enjoyed "Ramona" will revel in the superiority of "Evangeline" from every angle.

Dealing with the deportation of the Arcadians from Grand Pre and their later division and distribution across the width of the American sea coast colonies, "Evangeline" presents historical accuracy as well as compelling, epochal drama, and Mr. Carewe has handled the many big scenes with a master craftsmanship.

From its first scene until its deeply impressive final chapter "Evangeline" moves rapidly along and when its reviewers leave the theatre it is with a sense of rare satisfaction over being well entertained.

Supporting Miss Del Rio are Roland Drew, seen with the star in "Ramona", Donald Reed, handsome and romantic as Baptiste, Alec. B. Francis, who, as Father Felician will add thousands of admirers to his loyal legion, Paul McAllister as Benedict Bellefontaine, Evangeline's father, James Marcus as Basil, the powerful Blacksmith of Grand Pre and father of Gabriel, George Marion, as Rene Le Blanc and Bobby Mack as Michael, the fiddler.

"Evangeline" is no mere photoplay. It is a milestone in screen achievement and as such merits the attention of not only the regular theatre-goers but of hundreds who seldom attend. By all means see "Evangeline" and help yourself to an entertainment that is classical in its tempo, its revelation and its humaness.

Fox Movietone

Marking the first use on the Pacific coast of Fox Movietone recording apparatus for making location scenes in the heart of another city, a group of forty Fox Films players and technicians left Hollywood for location in Santa Barbara recently.

Donald Gallaher, director, and Charles Klein, pictorial director, headed the company which spent considerable time in filming and recording out-door sequences for "Pleasure Crazed," the all talker which is laid in a lovely California town.

Marguerite Churchill, Kenneth MacKenna and Dorothy Burgess, who have the leading roles in the all talking production, were in the party, which includes: Campbell Gullan, Douglas Gilmore, Henry Kolker, Frederick Graham, Rex Bell and Charlotte Merriam.

Among the "shots" they secured are views of a polo game, a sport that hitherto had not been recorded in talking pictures. This sport is an important phase of the story.

Added Attraction

As an added attraction for next week, the Queen's Theatre management will be presenting W. Bakhmann and Miss Olga Vorobieva, Europe's greatest dare-devil acrobats, to act on the stage.

Hong Kong has seldom seen such graceful and daring acrobatic posing as displayed by Bakhmann and his partner. The act will be in three parts; the first acrobatic posing, when Bakhman and his partner will perform in the centre of the stage. Their posing is wonderful, and both must be endowed with tremendous strength to do it so gracefully. In the second act, Bakhmann shows his physical development by controlling his muscles. In the last act, Miss Olga Vorobieva dances most gracefully.

The two artistes have performed in Shanghai before packed houses, and their acts are worthy of more than praise.

FOOD AND DRUGS

Thirty samples of food were examined by the Government Analyst during the last quarter of 1929 and none was found to be adulterated.

Altogether 258 samples were examined during the year. Two were adulterated, one being fresh milk and the other flour. The list follows:—

Fresh milk 60, bread 27, flour 31, sugar 26, fresh butter 21, tea 27, coffee 10, cheese 18, milk (tinned) 12, milk (skimmed condensed) 2, butter (tinned) 8, lard 9, confectionery 1, milk (condensed) 7—total 258.

"MURDEROUS"

Iron Bar Used in a Fracas

TWO MEN CONVICTED

That the iron bar used was an implement which could be best laid down as murderous was the opinion stressed by Mr. A. R. V. Covey at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when he appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith for the prosecution, with the police, in the case in which two Chinese were charged with assault at the Po Hing Theatre, Yaumati.

The respective charges are as follow:—

(1) Both defendants: That they did on January 4 at the Po Hing Theatre, Yaumati, maliciously wound Muk Fik, a student, and Lai Nam, a watchman of the theatre.

(2) 1st defendant: That he unlawfully did have in his possession one iron bar fit for an unlawful purpose, on January 4.

(3) 2nd defendant: That he unlawfully did assault Indian Police Constable, B-648, Chamba Singh on January 4, with intent to resist arrest.

Detective Inspector Fallon was for the police.

The "Safest Course"

At the previous hearing it was intimated that Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., had been instructed to defend, but yesterday Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for both men, and entered a plea of not guilty, although he intimated to the Magistrate that that was the safest course to follow and he did not know the facts of the case, being only just instructed.

Mr. Covey, for the prosecution, stated that on the night of January 3, the defendants went to the Po Hing Theatre at night and tried to make their entrance without paying for a ticket. A tiff ensued between the watchman, the gate keeper, and the men, the latter running away.

The following night the men went out for some trouble for they took with them 10 others, and they themselves were armed (the second man with the lime, or white wash, and the first with the iron bar).

Lime Splashed in Face

They all entered the theatre and when the gate keeper asked for their tickets the second defendant splashed the lime in the man's face and when the latter had finished wiping his eyes, the man hit him on the head with the bar and rendered him unconscious for a while.

At the same time the second complainant, a student, was also injured with the lime and hit both behind and in front of the head with the rod.

Police whistles made the intruders run away. A Sikh constable approached them with a view to arrest, and he also had lime flung with the swing of a brush in his face. However, the arrest of the two leaders was effected when another Indian constable came and assisted.

Both defendants had their implements with them at the time of the arrest.

Medical Evidence

The first witness called was Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.B., B.S., M.C., Medical Officer-in-Charge, Kowloon Hospital.

He said that both the watchman and the student were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital at 7.30 p.m. on January 4. The watchman had a wound on his scalp about two inches long, actually cutting through the thickness of the skin. The student had two wounds (both about two inches long), one on the front and one on the back of the scalp. The wounds were in themselves not serious ones, but in his opinion they were done by some blunt instrument.

Both men had a reddening of the eyes, but that could be caused by anything other than limewash, and was very common among the Chinese. Both men were discharged from the hospital on January 6, and their eyes did not need to have any attention during their stay.

After formal evidence had been given by the watchman, the student, a gate keeper, the Indian Constable who was assaulted, and another policeman, the case was closed.

Both Convicted

The first defendant was convicted of the first and second charges but his Worship intimated that the possession of the iron bar was really the same offence as the first as the defendant could not have caused the injuries unless he had the bar. The defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour on each charge the sentences to run concurrently.

The second defendant was convicted of assaulting the Indian constable, his Worship remarking that he might have been convicted of common assault in respect of the incident at the theatre but it would not make much difference. Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

The first defendant was ordered to pay the two complainants $15 each compensation or undergo a further term of three weeks' hard labour while the second defendant was ordered to pay each of the two complainants and the Indian constable $5 compensation, as well as $20 to the theatre for the damage caused to the curtain, or in default a further three weeks' hard labour.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

THE UNDERMENTIONED CARGO has been lying at Messrs. The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.'s Godowns undelivered and unless delivery is taken or claimed on or before 18th January, 1930, consignees and/or others interested in the cargo are hereby notified that same will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION to defray storage and other charges due.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day — Royal Marines Old Comrades Association Dinner.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

January 17—Hong Kong Automobile Assen. dinner-dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments

To-day — Queen's Theatre, "Evangeline."

To-day — Star Theatre, "Masks of the Devil."

To-day — World Theatre, "Faust."

To-day — Majestic Theatre; "The Patent Leather Kid."

Home Mails

To-day — Inward from Europe via Nagapatam (Talma); from America and ports (President Polk).

Sports

To-morrow—Fanling Hunt and Race Club Paperchase, Souza's Bungalow, 11.30 a.m.

Jan. 14—Meeting of Football Association Council, 5.30 p.m.

Meetings

January 14—Council meeting of Football Assen., French Bank Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

January 15—Meeting at Volunteer Headquarters, (for reviving the Hong Kong Rifle League) 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day — Opening of Scout Officers' Training Camp and Scouts' Company Ground, Saiwan Bay 3.30 p.m.

January 15—Hong Kong University Congregation Day, 5 p.m.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
7.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
9 p.m.—Programme of Columbia records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson.
"Peer Gynt Suite, No. 2"
(Grieg—Op. 55),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.
Dance Music.
9.30 p.m.—
"Mignon"—Selection (Thomas),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.
Dance Music.
10 p.m.—News Bulletin.
Dance Music.
10.30 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

CLEARING SLUMS

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Health Ministry's new Slum Clearance Bill, which is to be introduced in Parliament after the recess will, it is believed, stimulate the process of improving the meaner parts of the leading cities. Already, however, large schemes are in hand.

In London a programme has been drawn up for the clearance of over 200 acres of slums, involving the rehousing of over 60,000 people at an approximated cost of about £5,000,000.—British Wireless Service.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIRECTORS of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the dividend and bonus for the half year ending 31st December, 1929, will be:—

Dividend £3 per share.
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HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

REMINDER.

ENTRIES CLOSE next SATURDAY, 18th January.

H.K.V.D. CORPS.

NOTICE.

THE MUSKETRY at Stonecutters TO-MORROW, Sunday, 12th January, is CANCELLED.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY,
Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.
Hong Kong, 11th January, 1930.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

From NEW YORK & MARSEILLES.

The Steamship.
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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 15th January, 1930, at 10 a.m.

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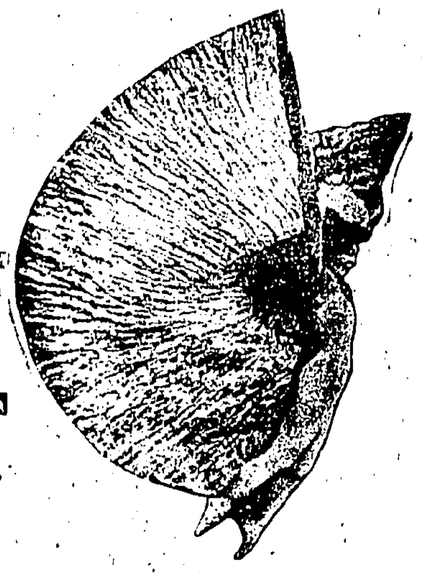

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MORE GEMS FROM ITALY

GRAHAM SALE RECALLED

"HATS OFF" INCIDENT

A tall silk hat is now generally acknowledged to be more of a symbol of reverence than is the bowler. Every man can associate it with memories of grave or poignant occasions, relieved by those of gay or dutiful salutation.

"Hats off!" will be the quiet mot d'ordre when the sublime masterpieces are confronted at the approaching Italian exhibition at Burlington House, as it was before when men—not usually moved—were awed by the devout simplicity of the Flemish Primitives, and conducted themselves as if they stood in some holy chapel.

How many Victorians, however, are alive to-day who were among that case-hardened company in an auction room, forty-three years ago, when 200 silk hats were reverently raised at a picture, not by an Italian old master, but by an Anglo-Italian who had been dead only four years?

Salutation to Rossetti

I confess that I was not present at that William Graham sale at Christie's on April 3, 1886, when this unusual event happened, but an ancient frequenter told me that it was the most compelling auction moment in his memory. After that lion among dealers, William Agnew, had given 800 guineas for Dante Gabriel Rossetti's exquisite "Ecce Ancilla Domini," he stood up, and, doffing his silk hat, announced that he had been acting for the National Gallery. And every other silk hat immediately was lifted in austere salutation.

There are always compensating entries in the books of behaviour, and this Rossetti incident was discounted when a similar company at Christie's hissed a work by Whistler when placed on the auction easel.

Now there were two very remarkable William Graham sales in 1886, and if, at the time, the first, in which the market went mad over the pictures by Rossetti and Burne-Jones, was the talk of the art world, the second, consisting of many examples by the Italian Primitives, has outlasted the other in fame. If only the dealers could have foreseen the taste of the future there would have been many occasions when they would have raised their silk hats in this second sale.

As the previous article in the "World of Art" Page on the hidden Italian treasures of the Abdy collection aroused much notice, it should be of interest to recall this second William Graham sale when the works of early Italian masters, which had confessedly much influenced Rossetti and Burne-Jones, realised only very frugal sums comparatively.

National Gallery Trustees

William Graham had long been known as a shrewd judge of art, and it may be surmised that another cogent reason for his election to a National Gallery trusteeship in 1884 was that he was supposed to be harbouring beneficent intentions. We know the mighty bequest made by Sir Richard Wallace, who was elected at the same time. But not only did Graham leave "nowt" to the nation, but the National Gallery was unrepresented at his sale.

There was an effective financial reason for this absence, in that grants for national purchases had been suspended on account of the special vote, some time before, of £87,500 for the Blenheim Raphael and Vandyck.

As it fell out, however, a future trustee, the late Robert H. Benson, literally made hay in this Graham sale, although he, in turn, overlooked the needs of the National Gallery when he sold his collection of early Italian art to Sir Joseph Duveen, for some hundreds of thousands in 1927.

Redress was made by Sir Joseph himself, with his wonted generosity, as he immediately gave the choice of any picture in the Benson collection to the trustees, who thereupon picked Correggio's "Christ's Farewell to His Mother," a masterpiece of the painter's early period, selected as being worthy of hanging as a pendant to Titian's moving "Noli Me Tangere."

Robert Benson's Purchases

In compiling a very erudite catalogue of his fine collection Mr. Benson paid a handsome tribute to Graham's flair and to his instinctive love and discernment of nobility of conception in art. He was up and doing, therefore, in the 1886 sale, having as his auction agent that picturesque and vivacious dealer (who often "laughed last" in many a transaction), Martin Colnaghi. Altogether more than one-eighth of his final collection was acquired in this Graham sale.

It should not be presumed that he paid ridiculous sums for works now worth thousands, for on several occasions he gave 500 guineas or upwards for his Graham prizes, and of course the market value of them at a time when English collectors generally were blind to their opportunities. Yet, strange to relate, his chief prize cost him only 55 guineas, and when I showed Sir Joseph Duveen my Benson catalogue he wrote opposite this purchase of Cosimo Tura's circular panel of "The Flight into Egypt" the expressive word, "Marvellous."

I cannot help thinking that, if Disraeli had been alive in 1886, the National Gallery would have been represented at the Graham sale—funds or no funds. For did he not make that supreme effort in the Alexander Barker sale, 1874, by which the National Gallery became possessed of fourteen mighty Italian pictures, including "The Virgin at Prayer," by this self-same Ferrarese master?

His imagination would have leapt at the thought of obtaining another Tura, forming one of the five tondini which used to decorate the altar of St. Maurelio at Ferrara, two of which are still there, while a third is at Harvard and a fourth at Boston.

Disraeli would have remembered also that two of his prizes in the Barker sale were noble panels by Carlo Crivelli, bought for 750gns. He would therefore have seen to it that the National Gallery should have the exquisite example in this Graham collection, which Mr. Benson snapped up for a paltry 125gns. I think, too, that he would have insisted on the acquisition of Giovanni Bellini's impressive altar-piece, painted in the master's old age, which was another bargain at 670gns. —A.C.

BRITISH TALKIES

Guaranteed Release for the World

Rugby, Yesterday.

By an agreement which has been signed between one of the leading British companies engaged in the production of talking pictures and the Radio Keith Orpheum Corporation of America, the two concerns will be jointly responsible for a series of British talking pictures, to be produced in this country, and distributed throughout America and the world generally.

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Mr. Basil Dean, Chairman of the British company, Associated Talking Pictures, Ltd., said yesterday that in accordance with this agreement the pictures would be by British authors, and would be made in Britain by British artists, with the assistance from time to time, if jointly seen fit, of Americans.—British Wireless Service.

SOVIET AND CHINA

Chief Delegate Ordered to Nanking

Nanking, Yesterday.

Speaking to Pressmen to-day Dr. C. T. Wang declared that communications regarding the Sino-Soviet preliminary conference at Nikolsk had just been received. In examining them the Government officials had been surprised to find that the delegates had discussed numerous issues in addition to the controversy over the C.E.R. Dr. Wang stated that such discussions were entirely outside the scope of the preliminary conference, and Mo Teh-hwei, China's chief delegate to the formal conference at Moscow, had been ordered to Nanking before leaving for Moscow.—Reuter.

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EXCHANGES

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Bank, on demand	1/6 9/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	——
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/6 ¾
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/7 ⅛
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/7 ⅝
On Paris—	
On demand	957½
Credits, 4 months' sight	1032½
On Berlin—	
On demand	——
On New York—	
On demand	37⅝
Credits, 60 days' sight	39¼
On Bombay—	
Wire	103¼
On demand	103¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire	103¼
On demand	103¼
On Singapore—	
On demand	66¾
On Manila—	
On demand	75½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78½
30 day's sight (private paper)	——
On Yokohama—	
On demand	76
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	——

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	12.08
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LONDON EXCHANGES

	London, Yesterday.
Paris	123.92
New York	4.87
Brussels	34.935
Geneva	25.18
Amsterdam	12.09⅜
Milan	93.09
Berlin	20.385
Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.205
Oslo	18.21
Vienna	34.62
Prague	164⅝
Helsingfors	193⅞
Madrid	37.575
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	5½
Buenos Aires	45
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	1/11 ¾
Hong Kong	3/7 ⅛
Yokohama	2/0 7/32
Silver Spot	20 13/16
Silver Forward	20 7/16

—British Wireless Service.

Sport Columns

BOXING

Final Bouts in Military Tournament

INTERESTING DISPLAYS

In spite of inclement weather a good crowd assembled at the City Hall to witness the boxing for the Hong Kong Inter-unit Cup and Individual Cups. Owing to the absence of H.E. Major-General J. D. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the cups were presented by Col. J. McD. Haskard, C.M.G., D.S.O.

In addition to the cups for winners, "Good Loser" prizes were awarded to Pts. Saston, Higgs, Paddock, and Palmer. The result in points was:—K.O.S.B. 25 pts., S.L.I. 25 pts., R.A. 3 pts. Owing to the tie between the Borderers and Somersets, the former team will have possession of the Inter-Unit Cup until their departure for home, when it will pass into the keeping of the Somersets.

The following officers were responsible for refereeing, judging and time-keeping throughout the evening.—Commdr. Baker, Lt.-Cdr. Andrewes, Commdr. Alexander, Major Campbell, R.A.M.C., Lieut. Courtis, R.A.S.C., Lieut. Platt, S.L.I., and Lieut. Kelly, K.O.S.B.

Garrison Sgt. Major Gilmartin was M.C. Other officials were:—Major Hanna, G.O.S.II., Capt. Chester, R.A., Lt. Meckler, S.L.I.

Results were:—

Flyweights:—Pte. Murphy, K.O.S.B., beat Pte. Weaver, S.L.I.

Heavyweights:—Pte. Morris, S.L.I., beat Pte. Wooley, K.O.S.B. (latter disqualified).

Bantamweight: — Pte. McConnell, K.O.S.B., beat L/Cpl. Palmer, K.O.S.B., Pte. Pearce, S.L.I., beat Boms. Johnson, K.O.S.B.

Featherweights: — Pte. Hume, K.O.S.B., beat L/Cpl. Gardner, K.O.S.B., Cpl. Shearston, S.L.I. k.o. Pte. Little, S.L.I.

Lightweights: — Pte. Gordon, K.O.S.B., beat Pte. Dickens, S.L.I., L/Cpl. Adams, S.L.I., beat Bdms. Higgs, K.O.S.B.

Pte. Morris, S.L.I., k.o. Sgt. Hawkett, K.O.S.B.

L/Cpl. Woodhouse, S.L.I., k.o. Pte. Pasco, S.L.I., Pte. Gillis, K.O.S.B., beat Pte. Jones, S.L.I.

Middleweights:—Pte. Baulch, S.L.I., beat L/Cpl. Findlayson, K.O.S.B., Pte. Spalding, K.O.S.B., beat Pte. Deare, S.L.I.

Light-heavyweights:—L/Cpl. Cullen, S.L.I., beat Gunner Rutter, R.A.

Finals

Flyweights:—Pte. Milligan, K.O.S.B., beat Pte. Murphy, K.O.S.B.

Heavyweights:—Pte. Morris, S.L.I., beat Gunner Dyer, R.A.

Bantamweights: — Pte. McConnell, K.O.S.B., beat Pte. Pearce, S.L.I.

Featherweights: — Pte. Hume, K.O.S.B., beat L/Cpl. Shearston, S.L.I.

Lightweights: — Pte. Gordon, K.O.S.B., beat L/Cpl. Adams, S.L.I.

Welterweight:—L/Cpl. Woodhouse, S.L.I., beat Pte. Gillis, K.O.S.B.

Middleweights:—Pte. Baulch, S.L.I., beat Pte. Spalding, K.O.S.B.

Light-Heavyweight: — Pte. Morris, S.L.I., k.o. L/Cpl. Cullen, S.L.I.

FANLING HUNT

Programme for Chinese New Year Meeting

The following is the draft programme for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's Chinese New Year meeting at Kwanti, on February 2. for which entries close with the secretaries, Messrs. Thomson & Co., York Building, on January 20, at noon:—

1.—Fat Choy Stakes.—Once Around.—Winner $100; 2nd $35. For China ponies. Winners at Kwanti this season barred. Catchweights at 168 lb. Entry $5.

2.—Fox Hunters' Cup.—Heavyweights—Over about 2 miles of country finishing on the Steeplechase Course. For a Cup, to remain the property of the winner for a year, with a replica presented; 2nd $50. For China ponies that have been twice in the country this season prior to January 15 in a Point-to-Point, a Paperhunt, or with the Somerset Drag. Catchweights at 168 lb. Standing Weight. Entry $5.

3.—Chinese New Year Cup.—1½ Miles.—For a Cup; 2nd $50; 3rd $25. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at Kwanti this season of two or more races 5 lb. penalty. Non-winners this season allowed 5 lb. Entry $5.

4.—Midwinter Handicap.—1¼ Miles.—Winner $100; 2nd $35; 3rd $20. For China ponies. Entry $5.

5.—For Hunters' Cup.—Lightweights—Over about 2 miles of country finishing on the Steeplechase Course. For a Cup, to remain the property of the winner for a year, with a replica presented; 2nd $50. For China ponies that have been twice in the country this season prior to January 15 in a Point-to-Point, a Paperhunt, or with the Somerset Drag. Catchweights at 150 lb. Entry $5.

6.—February Maidens.—1 Mile.—Winner $100; 2nd $35. For China ponies that have never won a Steeplechase. Ponies that have started at Kwanti allowed 5 lb. Entry $5.

(1) Ponies exceeding 13 hands 3 inches in height (fractions of an inch to count in favour of the pony) shall be ineligible to start.

(2) Ponies that have not started at Kwanti prior to this meeting must be able to produce a certificate of height as acceptable under the rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club or failing such must be measured for a "Kwanti Seasonal Certificate of Height" the conditions of which are as follows:—

(a) Measurement to be made by a member of the Committee of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club in the presence of at least one other such member and/or steward of the Kwanti Course.

(b) An allowance of ¼ inch may be made if the pony is measured with shoes.

(c) The Measuring Officials may refuse a certificate if in their opinion the pony measured is not reasonably fit.

(d) Seasonal certificates will be accepted in any event held under the auspices of the F.H. & R.C. during the season in which it has been issued unless the pony shall be subsequently measured under the rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in which case the seasonal certificate shall be void.

FOOTBALL IN STORM

English League Game Reports

To-day's games were played in storm, wind and rain and on water-logged pitches, says a Reuter cable to the Rangoon Gazette on December 14. The following description of the games is given:

Arsenal 2: Huddersfield 0: A fast and keen match was witnessed at Highbury where the attendance numbered 40,000. Jack cleverly headed through Arsenal's first goal three minutes before the interval. Hulme, after a smart run, netted their second ten minutes after the resumption.

Bolton 4: West Ham 1: In the match between Bolton and West Ham, the visitors were the first to score, Watson netting for them in the second minute. Cox, putting through his own goal, however, enabled Bolton to equalise. Nuttall, scoring from a free kick, put the home team ahead and Cook further increased the lead before the interval. Bolton's fourth goal also came through Cook, who just failed to achieve a hat-trick.

Sheffield Wed. 4: Blackburn 0: The encounter between Sheffield Wednesday and Blackburn was witnessed by 25,000 spectators. Seed scored the home team's first goal in the third minute and Allen from a corner put them further ahead. Burgess and Allen further increased their lead in the second half.

Sunderland 2: Liverpool 3: Liverpool were leading by two goals to nil, having got them through Smith and Hopkin before Sunderland made any response. Morrison then netted for the home team, but Hodgson, with one for the visitors gave the latter a half-time lead of 3 goals to 1. Morrison reduced the deficit on behalf of Sunderland in the second half.

Everton 0: Manchester Un. 0: The match between Everton and Manchester United, which ended in a draw, was very tame.

Burnley 4: Middlesbro' 1: At Burnley, Middlesbrough netted through Bruce in the twentieth minute. Devine, however, equalised and the home team got a lead through Heslop before the interval. On resumption Mantle and Hutchinson further put them ahead.

Portsmouth 2: Birmingham 1: At Portsmouth, Weddle was given off-side after he had netted in the first minute. Forward, however, enabled Portsmouth to change ends with a lead of one goal to nil. Weddle then scored for the home team. Barkas from a penalty reduced on behalf of Birmingham.

Aston Villa 5: Sheffield Un. 1: Before 30,000 people at Aston Villa, Dunne netted the first goal for the visitors, after which Walker performed the hat-trick for the home side, all in fourteen minutes. This gave a lead to Aston Villa at the interval by 3 goals to 1. On resumption Beresford and Walker added.

Leeds 5: Newcastle 2: At Leeds the gates registered 20,000. Wainscoat netted in the third minute of the match. Longden, Gallacher and Jennings scoring one after another. Longden and Jennings again found the net for Leeds, the first coming three minutes after the re-start. Gallacher responded on behalf of Newcastle by putting on the second goal.

Derby 5: Grimsby 4: For Derby, Stephenson opened the scoring in the eighteenth minute, later adding a second. Bestall, however, reduced the lead to one at the interval. Carr through his own goal equalised. Stephenson wrested the lead for Derby, but Wright again equalised, after which Stephenson netted twice which clinched the match. Robson's goal reduced the margin of victory to the narrowest limit. He missed a chance of effecting a draw by subsequently missing a penalty.

Manchester City 3: Leicester 2: Despite very muddy conditions at Manchester, the match was exciting. Brook and Johnson twice for Manchester City and Chandler for the visiting team scored in the first half. Leicester obtained one more on resumpton again through Chandler.

Charlton 1: Tottenham 0: Very keen and hard-fought was the match between Charlton and Tottenham which is their first in the League. Neither side had scored at the interval and not for a long time in the second half. Astley's dramatic last-minute goal secured two points for Charlton.

Cardiff 1: Chelsea 0: The only goal of the match at Cardiff appeared in the second half, Len Davies being responsible.

Notts County 1: Millwall 1: Millwall had a lead at the interval.

Swansea 2: Bury 4: Forsyth netting the first goal for Swansea before the interval, the same player secured them the second on resumption. Thereafter Bury warmed to their work, carrying the day, Bratt, Amos, Chambers and Smith scoring for them in the second half.

Reading 1: Southampton 1: Southampton, who appeared at Reading with seven reserves, went back with a point. Cribb and Baggett were the scorers in the match and before the interval, the last-named for the home side.

Hull 3: West Bromwich 2: Cookson for West Bromwich and Alexander and Taylor for Hull found the net before the recess. Hull's tally was increased by Alexander on resumption, while Carter was responsible for the addition to the visitors' score.

W'hampton 3: Barnley 0: Hartill obtained two and Deacon one for Wolverhampton.

Bradford City 1: Blackpool 1: Cochrane and Downes were responsible for the draw at Bradford, the first goal appearing before the change-over.

Preston 1: Notts Forest 2: Smithe's header gave a first-half lead to Preston, but Drent and Loftus secured the victory for Notts Forest.

Stoke 2: Bradford 1: Shirley contributed one before and after recess in the match at Stoke, Bradford reducing through Millership.

Crystal Palace 6: Merthyr 1: Crystal Palace opened the scoring in their match with Merthyr with one through Wilde in the third minute. Simpson found their second and Havelock netting twice had made their tally four before Merthyr responded through Slack in the second half. Simpson netted twice more.

M. Caro, who manages several theatres in Buenos Aires, is suing Raquel Meller, the singer, for £18,000 for alleged breach of contract.

HOCKEY CLUB DANCE

Ladies' Night at Lane, Crawford

At the Lane, Crawford restaurant, last night, the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club successfully held its second annual dance, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be invited. The "Invicta" Dance Band of H.M.S. "Kent" was in attendance, and played many new dance pieces. There were many novelty dances on the programme and they proved very popular. Mrs. T. J. Henry won the spot prize, and other special dances included the eight-some reel, Paul Jones, Cinderella and the affinity dance.

CAPTIVE ADMIRAL

Reports His Escape to Nantai

Nanking, Yesterday.

It transpires that the Foochow affair was a coup d'etat, not the work of Communists. General Lu Hsin-pan, commander of the newly-organised 2nd Fukien Division, and a Nanking nominee, was responsible for it.

Admiral Yang Shu-chuan, who was carried off, has wired to the Government stating that he has escaped to Nantai, ten miles from Foochow, but Lu is still holding four members of the Provincial Government prisoners. The National Government has despatched a warship to Foochow.

Chiang Kai-shek has wired urging Lu Hsin-pan to release his prisoners immediately.

Later.

Lu Hsin-pan controls the upper reaches of the Min River. It is reported that he is coming to govern Foochow with the assistance of the Defence Commissioner and Admiral Chen Shao-kwan.—Reuter.

SEVERE FLOODS

Unprecedented Rain in Mauritius

Rugby, Yesterday.

Telegrams received by the Colonial Office from Mauritius report that, owing to a heavy and unprecedented rainfall, severe floods have taken place in Port Louis and country districts since the end of December. The damage to bridges and roads is estimated at Rs. 200,000.

The principal water supply of Port Louis is broken, and repairs to mains are reported to be impossible at present. Immediate steps have been taken for obtaining an increased supply from Marc Aux Vacoas. This, in conjunction with water from other sources, should prove sufficient.

The sugar estates report losses to tramway lines and damages to cane. Weather conditions are now normal.—British Wireless Service.

CHURCH NOTICES

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HONG KONG

January 12, 1930.

1st Sunday after Epiphany.
Choral Eucharist, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School, 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Evensong (in the Lady Chapel), 5.30 p.m.
Confirmation Service, 6 p.m.
Preacher: The Lord Bishop.

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Sunday School, 3 p.m.
Sailors' and Soldiers' Home
Sunday: 3 p.m., Men's Bible Class (Mr. Smiths).
Sunday: 8.15 p.m., Service Men's Hour.
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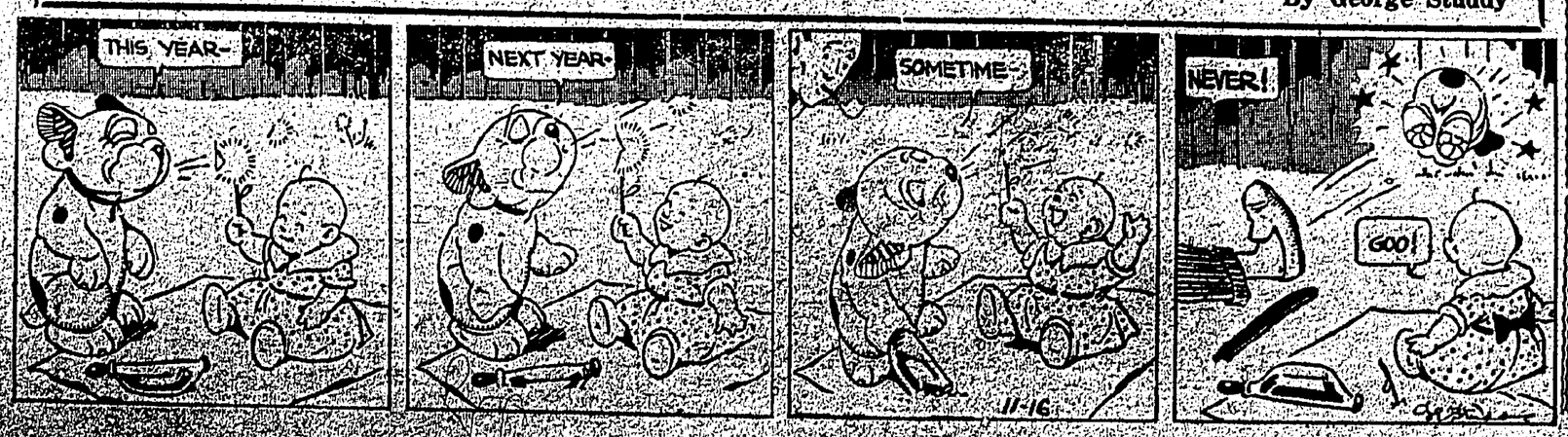

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World News In Pictures

Award for Services to Art

Robert Aitken, American sculptor (right), puts the finishing touches on the gold medal which he has designed for the National Academy of Design and which is to be presented to former Secretary of State Elihu Root in recognition of the latter's distinguished services to the fine arts. Mr. Root will be the first recipient of the new decoration, which will be known as the President's Gold Medal and which will be presented from time to time to an American or a foreigner which who has made notable contribution to the cause of fine art.

Last Picture of War Chief

This was one of the last pictures taken of Secretary of War James W. Good before he was stricken with the illness which resulted in his death. Photo shows him with Congresswoman Ruth Hanna McCormick at the Army-Illinois football game, November 9.

Novel Culinary Creation

C. Anderegg, head chef, and O. Westerlund, pastry chef, of the Chateau Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies, with the model made entirely of sugar of the "Countess of Dufferin," first locomotive in the Canadian West, which was prepared as a centre piece for the visit of E. W. Beatty, chairman and president, and other directors and officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on their recent tour of inspection in the west. Candied roses are in the tender and candy-floss issues from the smoke-stack. The "Countess," arrived in Winnipeg in 1877 up the Red River on a barge, and is now exhibited as a historic relic in a park in Winnipeg. She appears as a dwarf beside the new 100 foot oil burning giants of the "6900" class, the greatest in the British Empire, used by the Canadian Pacific on the main line in the Rockies and Selkirks.

Fair Life Boat Experts

Which is the leach and which is the luff of a sail? Where does the tack of a standing lug make fast? What is the loom of an oar? These and a hundred other questions that are baffling conundrums to the layman are child's play to the seven bonny stewardesses of the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of York, who recently obtained the British Board of Trade Certificate for Lifeboat Efficiency. They are, left to right: Mrs. G. Riley, Miss J. Johnson, Mrs. A. Caldwell, Miss C. Pendleton, Mrs. A. Silk, Miss A. Rowan, and Mrs. G. Livender. The examination for the Board of Trade Certificate is the most exacting test of its kind, and requires an intensive practical knowledge of regulations regarding boat and fire drill, fire-prevention, rocket apparatus, breeches buoy, and artificial respiration from drowning and smoke asphyxiation.

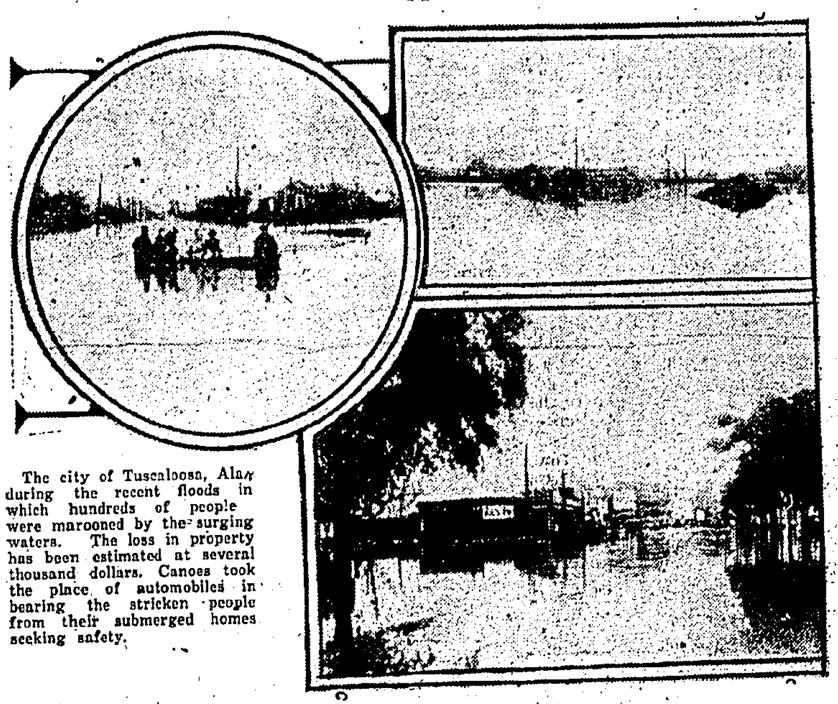
Once More on Soil They Loved Best

Paul Waldman and Max Singer, standing at attention at one of the caskets which arrived in New York aboard the s.s. President Roosevelt. The frowning New York skyline looked down upon the fifty-six caskets which contained bodies of the Michigan men of the 339th U.S. Infantry who died during the Archangel Campaign in Russia in 1918 and 1919.

A Dickens Play at Union Church

In Christmas week, a hearty reception was accorded by a capacity house to the presentation, by members of the R.A.S.C. and friends, of Charles Dickens' well-known play "The Christmas Carol" at the Union Church Hall, Shanghai. At the conclusion of the performance, the Rev. Borst-Smith thanked the artistes for their excellent performance and specially Mrs. Evan Morgan for her untiring efforts to make the show a success.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

Canoes Supplant Cars



The city of Tuscaloosa, Ala., during the recent floods in which hundreds of people were marooned by the surging waters. The loss in property has been estimated at several thousand dollars. Canoes took the place of automobiles in bearing the stricken people from their submerged homes seeking safety.

Great Atlantic Tidal Wave

The earthquake in the Atlantic on November 18, which shattered one-third of the cables to Europe and shook huge steamships from far north to as far south as Atlanta, resulted in great loss of life and property on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador. A steamship putting into St. John's, Newfoundland, reported that eighteen people had been reported killed at Lord's Cove and Lemaline, and nine had been killed at Burin Island with great loss of property washed into the sea. A photographer happened to be at the seashore near Boston, Mass., when the great wave struck there.

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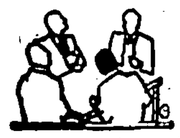

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How Many Ropes?

MATTERS INTERESTING TO SEA SCOUTS

If you were to ask the average landsman how many ropes there are in the rigging of a sailing ship, he would probably guess a thousand or more. Looking up at the tangled top of any sailing vessel in the docks, you would be inclined to think it an almost impossible task to count them. Yet it is a very easy matter, for there are only five!

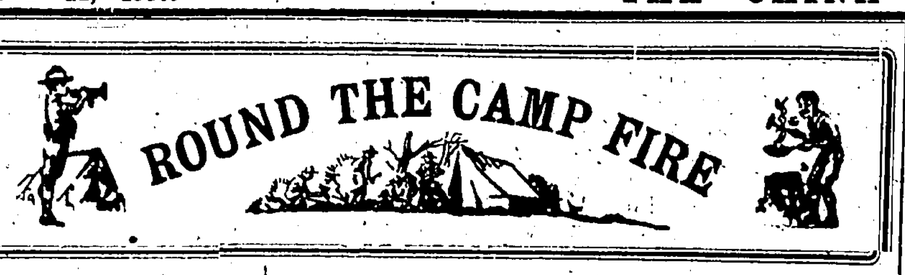
There is some sort of catch about it, of course; but the fact remains that only five pieces of the gear of a ship are called "ropes"; the rest are lines, sheets, gaskets and the like.

The five ropes are: the man-rope, or what a landsman might call the rope "hand-rail" of the accommodation ladder; the foot-rope, which is stirruped beneath the yard from mast to yard-arm, and on which the men stand when handling sail; the bolt-rope, that is the rope which edges the sail as the hem of a handkerchief; the bucket-rope, or bucket handle; and the bell-rope.

Some old sailors will suggest the tow-rope as a sixth, but that is not correct, because it is more properly called the hawser.

Apart from these nothing aboard a ship is called a rope. A landsman may call them ropes, but then a landsman usually thinks that a sheet is a sail and a bend a knot!

The next time you happen to see a sailing ship, try the question on a friend, and let him spend a few minutes trying to estimate the number of lifts, and bunt-lines, and clew lines, and braces. He will never guess that there are only five ropes among the lot of them.



The "Old Scout's" Column.

Gifts You All Can Make

There are many gifts which any boy and girl can make, and in this column this week, I am going to tell you how some useful gifts are made:—If your mother's pot of palm needs a stand, you can make an attractive present in this way: Dip a sufficient number of patent or spring clothespins in wood stain and treat a wooden cheese box with a coat of the same stain. Then snap the pins onto the edge of the box at regular intervals, perhaps three inches apart. Inverted this becomes a pretty low tabouret with odd little feet. The top from the cheese box should be painted, a pattern stencilled on it, and the whole shellacked for a tea tray.

A Fireless Cooker

This asbestos box is fine for anyone who uses a gas stove with a high oven on the side. Procure—or make—two wooden boxes, one about an inch larger than the other. Cover the larger one on the outside with asbestos, letting the covering come well over the edge and tacking it on the inside. Cover the inside of the smaller box in the same way, then fasten it inside the larger one. When the gas oven is well heated, food may be brought to the boiling point and then placed on top of the oven under a box of this kind and it will cook more rapidly than in a fireless cooker. With such a box over it, food will keep piping hot on any radiator or hot-air register.

A Foot-Warmer For Grandma

Grandmother will be delighted with this for she is sometimes cold when you youngsters are as warm as can be. You will need a box at least 19 inches long. Fasten strips 1½ inches thick across each end of the bottom which is now to become the top of your footstool. Tack burlap, felt, carpeting—anything pretty you may have—over the sides and ends of the box. Then hem a piece of the same goods five inches longer and five inches wider than the top of your box. With a double row of fancy tacks nail this smoothly and firmly to the strips at the ends of the box, leaving it free along the sides. The hot water bag is to be filled on chilly days and slipped under the cover. This will make a delightful, comfy footrest for the dear feet, and the rubber bag will be completely protected from wear.

A Cupboard For Rags

Rags for cleaning must be kept in the bathroom and kitchen. These are necessary but very unsightly. Therefore make a small stained or enamelled cupboard, fill the top and bottom with large gimlet holes before painting, and put a number of hooks inside. The holes will admit air, and so the damp rags will not sour. A cheaper cupboard could be contrived from a soap box with a curtain of pretty, washable goods.

A Racket Cover

A gift much appreciated by a tennis enthusiast is a gay cover that will keep moisture from a tennis racquet, made from the new decorative oil-cloth or rubberised material. Five-eighths of a yard of material will be needed, and 3¼ yards of binding to match, and one 12-inch zipper fastener.

Make a paper pattern the shape of the racquet, allowing a margin ¾ of an inch wide all round the racquet. Fold the material with the figured surface outside, fix the pattern securely, and cut it out. On one piece cut a line 6 inches from the top edge of the case, for an opening, and bind each of the edges. Place this half of the case on the top of the other as before, tack together, and bind the edge firmly. The handle, made of two ⅛-inch pieces of the binding stitched together, should then be sewn onto the case.

Girl Guiding In Queensland

STATE COMMISSIONER'S STORY

RAPID GROWTH

Guiding was first started in Queensland at the end of 1919 by Lady Goold-Adams. The Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, had asked her to do so some time previously, and Lady Goold-Adams said she would not dare face the Chief unless she established Guides in Queensland before she left. A meeting was held at Government House; a large number of ladies attended, and a local association was formed. I was asked if I would become State Commissioner, and, not knowing the slightest thing about Guiding, readily consented. My name was sent to Imperial Headquarters, and, later, I received my warrant. We were all quite ignorant, but we eagerly read the literature Lady Goold-Adams had received from the Chief Guide.

Uphill Work

It was very, very uphill work during the first year; people did not understand the objects and ideals of the movement—they thought we were trying to turn girls into tomboys, and imbue them with a military spirit—and it was difficult to get the older girls to come forward and be trained as Guide captains. There was never at any time any difficulty in getting the younger ones to be Guides and Brownies, and at times it was sad to have to say, "No, you can't be Guides or Brownies, because we have no one to lead you." I must confess that had I not promised Lady Goold-Adams to carry on, I would have thrown up the sponge; it was all so difficult and disappointing. However, we struggled on with little knowledge, and practically no help. The Q.W.E.L. most kindly lent us a room for our monthly meetings, and the companies then in existence in Brisbane were No. 1, Tarragindi; No. 2, Windsor; No. 3, Toowong; and No. 4, Auchenflower; and there were also companies in Bundaberg, Townsville, Herberton, and Ipswich, and the captains of these companies were doing splendid work under great difficulties.

Help and Guidance

Imperial headquarters has always been most helpful and kind, and answered our innumerable questions with great patience. In 1923 they sent Miss Margaret Prior, head of camping in England, to Australia to help us all, and to see if the organisation was on proper lines. We were thrilled at the prospect, and made many plans for her month's visit. Sir Matthew Nathan, who was our president, invited Miss Prior to stay at Government House, and that simplified matters for us, and incidentally it was the beginning of a romance. Miss Prior, who is one of the few "Chief's Diploma'd Guiders" in the world, did wonderful work. She spoke at meetings, held training classes, criticised in a most kindly, helpful way, and helped every one. She also started and trained a company at St. Margaret's School. We had arranged that she should visit Townsville and Herberton, but, unfortunately, measles broke out in the schools, so she only went as far as Bundaberg, returning to Brisbane in time to be present at a rally at Government House, where the Guides were inspected by her Excellency, Lady Forster.

Learned More at Home

At the end of 1923 Miss Grimes (who was then captain of the Tarragindi company) and I had the good luck to go Home for a year, and we were both determined to learn as much as possible about the movement. While there we were received most kindly by the Guide people at Home, and they put us in the way of seeing and learning a great deal. Miss Grimes attended several training classes and various camps and lectures, and I went to Commissioners' conferences, rallies, and to the Imperial Council, and other meetings.

In July, 1924, we both went to the international camp at Foxlease. It was a glorious and most interesting week; every nationality, except Germany, was represented, and the babel of foriegn tongues was amazing. This week brought home to me, more than anything else could possibly have done, what a world-wide movement Guiding has become. It was perfectly delightful for Miss Grimes and myself to have so many opportunities of meeting the Imperial Guide authorities, and to realise how interested they were in our work in Queensland.

"A Wonderful Pair"

Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell are a wonderful pair, and practically give up their lives to Guiding and Scouting. Their home at Pax Hill, in Hampshire, is a very delightful one, and I have most pleasant recollections of my visits to them there. On our return to Queensland we found that the movement was steadily forging ahead; new companies had been formed, and Guiders' training classes had been started under Miss Hawthorne's tuition.

In January, 1926, the first State camp was held at Southport, with Lady Marjorie Dalrymple as camp commandant. Several Guiders and Guides from North Queensland attended, and the camp was most successful. In May of the same year Lady Marjorie returned to Queensland, and after holding classes in Brisbane started on a tour in the North and West, when she inspected and held classes too.

More Help From Homes

In August, 1926, the Imperial Council again helped us enormously by sending Miss Alice Behrens, County Commissioner for Lancashire and Deputy Chief Commissioner for the North of England, to Australia. Miss Behrens was indefatigable, and nothing was too much trouble for her. To me she was a tower of strength, and I can never be grateful enough for the help both she and Miss Prior (now Mrs. Michael Rogers) have given to me personally. Miss Behrens went to Townsville for a week-end to hold a Guiders' training class, and inspired the Northern Guides just as much as she inspired the Southern ones.

During the last three years guiding has steadily gone ahead in this State, and the numbers are now 2808, which is an increase of 646 during the past year. We have now a diploma'd guider of our own, Miss Hawthorn having successfully passed her "Blue Cord" test, which entitles her to train Guides in any part of the world. We are very proud of our first "dip." We have a most excellent State executive, and other people are becoming more interested. We still want more guiders, but we hope this difficulty will be overcome before long, and we look forward to another busy and successful year.

The Principles

This, briefly, is a history of Guiding in Queensland. The movement is non-political, non-class, and inter-denominational and the line of training runs mainly in the four directions of—

(1) Character and intelligence.
(2) Skill and technical knowledge.
(3) Physical and development.
(4) Service for others.

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2. To help other people at all times.
3. To obey the Guide Law.

The Next Step

She then works for her second-class badge, which comprises a simple knowledge of handicraft, health, service, and intelligence. After passing this test she is ready to work for the proficiency badges, such as cooking, sewing, ambulance, child nurse, athlete, gardener, domestic service, laundress, milliner, dressmaker, thrift, &c. The examination for all badges is conducted by a board of experts, and the standard is a high one. Besides working for these badges, the girls are given a certain amount of drill, for this makes for discipline in a company, and is a mental exercise, teaching Guides to think and to act quickly, besides being a physical exercise, and the only proper means of moving a large body of Guides from one point to another.

Proven Their Worth

The Guides have won for themselves their present position, and have proved their worth. The Imperial Government sent them to Paris to help in the Great War as trusted messengers, and in May, 1926, the League of Nations, having recently formed an Advisory Committee for the Protection of Children, invited the Girl Guide Association to send a representative to join that body. The other two organisations which so far have been invited to co-operate also are the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Society for the Protection of Children. The fact that Guides are thus being recognised and invited to help the League of Nations is a very great proof of appreciation of the value of this work for girls.

The movement is no charity—no Guide is allowed to beg, either for her own or any other fund; they have to earn what money they require by means of work or performances which deserve money in return.

Who knows but that Guiding in the future may help to keep the world's peace. As the movement grows, as it will—already there are over 744,460 throughout the world—the high ideals fostering friendship and mutual understanding must tend towards peace and the betterment of nations.

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CHINA'S PLETHORA OF GODS

MORE THAN ANY OTHER NATION WORSHIP

SURVEY OF RELIGIONS

Peking, — The Chinese people worship more gods than any other nation in the history of the world, according to Mr. Newton Hayes, F.R.G.S., who has completed a recent survey of Chinese religions.

Mr. Hayes quotes authorities who state that the ancient Egyptians had 73 gods, the Indians 33,339 divinities, and the Greeks of ancient time 30,000. But the Chinese, he declares, can exceed even this number.

"Ten years' study of the gods of the Chinese leads us to feel that it is safe to say that there are probably even more recognized deities in the Chinese pantheon than in those of any other race," says Mr. Hayes. "There are more images in this country than are found in the temples and home of any other land. Indeed, the number of gods is so great that de Groot, not only characterizes it as infinite, but almost in desperation resorts to hyperbole, declaring that in the creation of new gods for their unlimited polytheism the Chinese are hindered by nothing but the [illegible] that even the human art of inventing gods has its limits.'"

Every Kind and Function

Mr. Hayes has found that the spirit world of the Chinese is peopled to its utmost limit with gods and goddesses, genii and fairies. There are gods good and bad, powerful and weak, handsome and ugly, kindly and cruel. There is a god to control nearly every phase of life. There are deities of the elements, the sun, the moon, the stars and the constellations.

"There are gods of mountains, rivers, seas and cities; gods of the living and gods of the spirit world. There are gods of war, literature, wealth, mercy, medicine, and disease; gods of the home, gods of the farm and even gods of individual streets and bridges. There are gods, too, for every important trade."

Mr. Hayes has found that cows, horses, snakes, and many other animals and reptiles, and even some insects which prey upon the human body, have worship accorded to them by human beings in China.

"Inside the north-east gate of Soochow is a temple to the God of Snakes, and outside the west wall of the same city there was a few years ago a place of worship dedicated to the human parasite whose common name is unmentionable, so we refer to it by its Latin designation—cimex lectularius."

The One Lacking

But in making a study of the Chinese gods, Mr. Hayes found that one searches in vain for a supreme creator and ruler of gods and men. All other nations have had a supreme god, he declares, but "China has no deity that occupies the same place in her catalogue of gods."

Having so many gods, Mr. Hayes believes it is natural that the Chinese are perhaps not essentially so religious as nations with fewer gods. He observes an apparent lack of reverence and sincerity in the attitude of the majority of worshippers towards their gods, and quotes Dr. E. A. Ross, who says of the Chinese:

"Their idea seems to be one of reciprocity. You do something nice for the god, and he, being a gentleman, will do something nice for you."—United Press.

JOURNALIST'S AIRSHIP

Vienna.—Mr. Larry Rue, the Vienna correspondent of the "Chicago Tribune," who makes his professional journeys in his own airship, has just returned from a three months' tour. A special reception is to be given him by his British and American colleagues. Is he the first correspondent to travel by himself in such an up-to-date manner?

Most of the peasants who have been allowed to migrate from Russia to Germany hope that they will be allowed to settle in Canada. At the Russian frontier they were carefully searched for contraband money. Wedding rings which they had retained as heirlooms were confiscated.

CHEKIANG COAST BANDITS

OPERATIONS ROUND WENCHOW: DIFFICULT COUNTRY

PEASANTS TERRORIZED

Bandits have now been cleared within a radius of about 50 li of the city of Wenchow. A few have been captured by the soldiers and brought to the city for trial and probably execution; a few also were shot trying to evade capture but the majority escaped. The soldiers have a very hard task in all this kind of work. The whole district is mountainous and while every bypath and cave is known to the bandits, the soldiers are at a complete loss owing to their ignorance of the district. Fear of the bandits also keeps the villagers from giving information, even if they are not allied to the bandits themselves.

Terrified Boys

In several of the districts north of the city a plan tried on more than one occasion recently is to enter a school during the day-time and terrify the boys into giving particulars of themselves and their families and, then taking off, for ransom those whom they thought most worth while. In one case at Pichili a father had paid $200 on account for the ransom of his son. Unfortunately the middle man was captured by the soldiers before the money was paid over and he was imprisoned in the city prison. The father then had to pay several hundreds of dollars as security for the man and also pay the full sum demanded as ransom for his son before he could get his boy back again. The whole affair cost him over $2,000.

The president of one of the neighbouring farmers' Unions was suspected of not only having leanings towards communism, but of carrying on a very active part in disseminating communistic literature. He was arrested and, under interrogation, admitted that he was receiving $40 a month from some outside source for this work. He was condemned and shot a few days ago.

Thousands Become Beggars

Such is the distress in the magistracy of Yotsing that thousands of the country folk, in many cases whole families, are travelling up and down the countryside begging for sweet potatoes. The whole of the hill sides in this district where there is not sufficient water for rice is given over to sweet potatoes and while the rice has been such a failure the potatoes have not done badly in many parts, except that on account of the drought they are only about half the usual size. Potatoes have become of such value, however, that it is very difficult to beg even these. It is no uncommon thing to come across families of three to five people travelling with all their worldly belongings who have not seen their homes for weeks and who show in their faces and bodies the very difficult task they are having to keep body and soul together.

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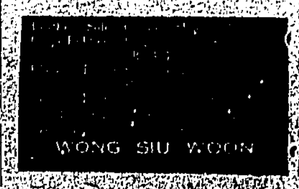

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong, January 10th, 1930.

Stock	Closing Quotations 4 p.m. Friday, 10th	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate yield per cent. per annum on present quotations based on last year's dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid
Banks												
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp.	$1,300 b. $1,305 s.	+ $5.00	7 %	$20,000,000	160,000	$125	$125	g $6,000,000 a $14,000,000	$3,397,812	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, £8 Int. div. of £3 at 1/11⅛ = $31.13 per share for 1929	Aug. 6, 1929.
Do. (London)	$1,295/1,310 sa. £116 nominal											
Chartered Bank of I., A. & C.	£18 nominal		6 %	£3,000,000	600,000	£5	£5	£4,000,000	£186,056	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 20/8d. free I/tax Interim div. of 14% p.a. a/c. 1929	Sept. 11, 1929.
Mercantile Bank of I. Ld. A. & B.	£27¾ nominal			£1,800,000	60,000	£25	£12½	£1,450,000	£162,046	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 16⅔, less I/tax Interim of 8% a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929.
Do. C.	£15¼ nominal				60,000	£5	£5					
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	$95 buyers		8½ %	$10,000,000	12) 100,000	$100	$100	$1,500,000	$401,749	31.12.28	Dividend of $6 for 1928 and bonus $2 making $8 for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929
Marine Insurances												
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	$705 buyers			$2,500,000	10,000	$250	$100	f £310,000 n $1,041,235 j $1,621,770 j $2,381,661	$1,657,848	31.12.28	Final of $22 making $40 for 1927. Int. of $18 for 1928	May 23, 1929
Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ld.	$375 buyers $372/374 sales			£2,000,000	21) 200,000	£10	£4	e £69,500 n £303,125 j £2,314,291 f £612,819 g £300,000 n £447,850 b £150,000	£254,179	31.12.28	Final of 16/- for 1927. Interim of 24/- a/c. 1928	May 24, 1929
Yangtsze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	M. $50 nominal		7 %	$2,500,000	15) 250,000	$10	$10				Dividend $3½ for $1928	June 28, 1929
China Underwriters, Ltd.	$2 buyers	— $0.10		$5,000,000	3) 500,000	$10	$3	i $152,592 f 34,224	Dr. $37,463	31.12.28	none	
Fire Insurances								v $759,762 $1,000,000 f $769,875 x $1,089,690 j $2,452,412 n $1,092,152 b $200,000	$907,311	31.12.28	$9 and bonus $6 for 1927 and Interim $3 for 1928	May 24, 1929
China Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$320 buyers	+ $5.00		$2,000,000	90,000	$100	$20					
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$825 buyers			$2,000,000	8,000	$250	$50	s $2,300,000 i $1,799,886 f $512,071 g £100,000	$675,329	31.12.28	$43 for 1927	Mar. 26, 1929
Shipping												
Douglas Steamship Co., Ld.	$25½ nominal			$1,000,000	20,000	$50	$50	$136,486 n $190,074	Nil	31.12.28	Div. of $4 for 1924	Mar. 28, 1925
H'kong, C. & M. S. B. Co., Ld.	$27¼ nominal		8¾ %	$1,200,000	80,000	$15	$15	e $50,000 f $1,542 f $363,331 i n $438,861	$36,500	31.12.28	Dividend of $1 for 1928	Feb. 19, 1929
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. — Preferred	$43 nominal	+ $0.50		£1,200,000	1) 120,000	£5	£5	f $135,000 $200,215 r £50,698	$15,113	31.12.28	Div. of 12/- at ex. 2/0¼ = $5.94 a/c. 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares Div. of 30/- at ex. 2/6¼ = $11.90 on deferred shares a/c. 1921	June 19, 1929 May 24, 1922
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. — Deferred	$70 nominal				1) 120,000	£5	£5	n £384,677 k £260,178 b £127,917				
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	$71 nominal		5 %	$1,000,000	2) 100,000	$10	$10	$100,000 k $160,000 m $98,712	$40,038	31.12.28	Div. $2 and bonus $1⅛ making $3⅛ for 1928	Feb. 15, 1929
Refineries												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	$1 nominal			$2,000,000	80,000	$25	$25				(In Liquidation)	
Malabon Sugar Refining Co., Ld.	$27 nominal			P. 420,000	14,000	P. 30	P. 30	P. 244,000	nil	31.12.28	P. 3 a/c. 1928	April 11, 1929
Oil and Mining												
Kailan Mining Administration	55/- nominal	— 2/6	7¼ %	£2,000,000	25) 2,000,000	£1	£1		£307,438	30.6.29	Final of 2/- free I/tax (Coupon No. 35) making 4/- for year ending 30.6.29	Dec. 19, 1929
Maatschappij tot, &c., Combined	T. 13.60 nominal				250,000	Glds. 10		Tls. 158,166	Cr. Tls. 45,998	31.10.28	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-27	April 5, 1928
Do. Langkat—Single	Tls. 7½ nominal			Tls. 1,825,000	600,000	Tls. 5	all	Nil	Dr. Tls. 496,213	31.12.28	none	
Do. Exploration & Development	Tls. 1.30 nominal			Tls. 8,000,000	20) 250,000	Tls. 5		Tls. 550,000	Cr. Tls. 16,091	31.12.28	T.—75 cts. for 1926	Feb. 15, 1927
Do. Loan and Investment	Tls. 5 nominal			Tls. 1,250,000								
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	$11½ buyers	+ $1.50	14 %	£200,000	200,000	£1	£1	c £10,000 a £10,000	£7,321	31.3.29	Div. for 1928/1929. 2/6d. Interim of 1/6d. a/c. 1929/1930	Dec. 12, 1929
Shell T'port & T.ding Co., Ld.	95/10 nominal		5¼ %	£43,000,000	17) 300,000 (5% pref.) 11) 10,000,000 (7% pref.) 9) 30,000,000 (ord.)	£10 £1 £1	£10 £1 £1	£6,354,165	£237,604	31.12.28	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Jan. 6, 1930.
Docks, Wharves & Godowns												
H'kong & K. W. & G. Co., Ld.	$144 b. $145 sa.	+ $1.00	5½ %	$4,000,000	80,000	$50	$50	r $100,000 a $400,000	$360,063	31.12.28	Div. $6 and bonus $2 making $8 for 1928	Mar. 7, 1929
H.K. & W. Dock Co., Ld.	$30½ buyers			$10,000,000	28) 200,000	$50	$50	$3,000,000	$121,381	31.12.28	Final div. of $2 making $4 for 1924	Mar. 31, 1925
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld.	Tls. 105 nominal	— T. 1.50	7 %	Tls. 2,785,000	4) 55,700	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,350,000 d Tls. 850,000	Tls. 135,762	30.4.29	Dividend of Tls. 7½ for the year ending 30.4.29	July 27, 1929.
New Engineering & Shipb'ldg Wks., Ld.	Tls. 7½ nominal		5¼ %	Tls. 5,000,000	29) 500,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 5	a Tls. 600,000 d Tls. 745,012	Tls. 54,379	31.12.28	Tl. 0.40 for 1928	Mar. 15, 1929
Do. Pref.	Tls. 4.75 buyers	+ T. 0.50			30) 500,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 5	e Tls. 200,000			Div. 8% on Preference shares	
S'hai & H'kew Wharf Co., Ld.	Tls. 190 nominal		5¾ %	Tls. 4,000,000	26) 40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 686,983 l Tls. 120,416 e Tls. 450,000 r Tls. 75,000 d Tls. 675,000	Tls. 17,826	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 11 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929
Lands, Hotels & Buildings												
H'kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ld.	$12.65 buyers $12.40/45 sales			$10,000,000	8) 1,000,000	$10	$10	$6,518,349	$175,510	31.12.28	Final div. of $0.60 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 8, 1925
H'kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.	$65 sales		6¼ %	$6,000,000	240,000	$25	$25	$7,000,000 a $250,000 k $50,000	$985,978	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, $4 Int. div. of $2 for 1929.	Aug. 2, 1929
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	$14 buyers	+ $0.30	7 %	$1,500,000	150,000	$10	$10	a $50,000 v $450,000 7) $60,000 r $22,683	$68,728	31.12.28	Div. 80 cents and bonus 20 cents making $1 for 1928	Feb. 8, 1929
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ld.	Tls. 161 nominal		5½ %	Tls. 7,020,000	140,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 2,034,010 e Tls. 500,000	Tls. 602,303	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 9 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c. 1929	July 31, 1929
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ld.	$8.90 sellers	+ $0.10	6½ %	$2,000,000	200,000	$10	$10	$200,000	$11,057	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 60 cents Interim of 30 cents a/c. 1929.	Aug. 12, 1929.
Cotton Mills												
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ld.	Tls. 16.10 sellers Tls. 15.90/16 sa.	+ T. 0.25	3¾ %	Tls. 5,000,000	15) 1,000,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 5	Tls. 2,000,000 e Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 4,950	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 0.60 Interim div. of T. 0.40 a/c. 1929	Aug. 23, 1929
Do. Preference	Tls. 107 nominal			Tls. 1,000,000	19) 10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	13) Tls. 500,000 r Tls. 204,760				
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld. — (Old)	Tl. 83 b.		6¼ %	Tls. 4,000,000	80,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,000,000 o Tls. 480,000 d Tls. 800,000	Tls. 228,325	31.10.29	Div. of Tls. 2½ for Old, Tls. 1¼ for New for half year ending 31.10.29 Final call of Tls. 25 on new shares payable 29 Jan., 1930	Nov. 25, 1929
Do. (New)	(New) Tls. 54 n.		4¾ %	Tls. 2,000,000	40,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 25	i Tls. 250,000				
Zoong Sing Cotton Mills, Ld.	T. 10 buyers		6 %	Tls. 2,000,000	12) 200,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 300,000 i Tls. 40,000	Tls. 10,304	30.6.29	Tl. 0.60 for year ending 30 June, 1929	Oct. 11, 1929
Miscellaneous												
China Light & Power Co., Ld.	$19.10 b $19.20 sa		3¾ %	$4,000,000	800,000	$5	all	r $55,710	$77,965	30.9.29	Final 45 cts. making 70 cts. for year ending 30.9.29	Dec. 23, 1929.
China Provt. L. & M. Co., Ld.	$5.45 b. $5.65 s. $5½ sales			$3,000,000	32) 600,000	$5	all	$685,603	$63,040	31.12.28	Fin. div. of 30 cts. on Old, 77 cts. on Bonus and 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 27, 1925
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ld.	$20½ b. $21 s.	+ $0.50	6 %	$1,500,000	200,000	$7½	$7½	$50,000 y $200,000 7) $110,000	$25,286	31.12.28	Div. of $1.25 for 1928	Mar. 4, 1929
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Comb.)	$15 buyers				400,000	$7½	$7½					
Do. (Old)	$10.90 buyers			$3,000,000	400,000	$7½	$1	$400,000				
Do. (New)	$3¾ buyers	+ $0.20		$3,000,000				z $500,000	$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.66 cts. on New shares for 1925	Mar. 17, 1926
Hong Kong Electric Co., Ld.	$70¾ b. $70¼ sa.	— $0.25	5¼ %	$6,000,000	14) 600,000	$10	$10	$2,800,000	$97,131	31.12.28	Div. of $2.50 on Old and $1.25 New shares for year ended 31.12.28	Mar. 22, 1929
Hong Kong Rope Mfg. Co., Ld.	$7.80 sellers			$2,000,000	200,000	$10	$10	9) $10,000	$101,726	31.12.28	Fin. div. of 35 cts. on Old 32 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Feb. 26, 1925
Hong Kong Tramways, Ld.	$19 s. $18¾ sa.		7½ %	$3,250,000	650,000	$5	$5	$100,000	$245,729	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, $1.40 Interim of 50 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 27, 1929
Peak Tramway Co., Ld. — (Old)	$11¾ nominal				25,000	$10	$10					
Do. (New)	$6.05 nominal			$750,000	50,000	$10	$5	$150,000 r $26,958	$13,615	30.4.29	10% for year ended 30.4.29	June 7, 1929
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.	$23¼ buyers		6½ %	$350,000	5) 50,000	$7	$7	$45,000 l $9,732 i $71,969 c $64,425	$6,231	31.12.28	Div. of $1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c. 1928	Jan. 31, 1929
Watson (A. S.) & Co., Ld.	$11½ nominal	+ $0.10	7 %	$1,200,000	120,000	$10	$10	$600,000	$62,044	31.10.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ended 31.10.28	Mar. 28, 1929
William Powell, Limited	$2½ nominal		10 %	$84,000	42,000	$2	$2	$10,000	$5,360	28.2.29	Dividend 25 cents for 28.2.29	June 10, 1929
Lane, Crawford, Ltd.	$2 buyers			$900,000	22) 150,000	$6	$6	$20,000	$6,142	28.2.29	Div. 30 cts. for year ending 28.2.29	April 24, 1926
H.K. & C'ton Ice Manu. Co., Ld.	$2½ nominal			$200,000	40,000	$5	$5		Dr. $100,486	31.7.29	none	
H.K. Eng. & Cons. Co., Ltd.	$1.30 nominal			$1,000,000	35) 100,000	$10	$10		Dr. $542,576	31.12.28	none	
China General Omnibus Co., Ltd.	Tls. 15½ buyers			Tls. 1,000,000	100,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	d Tls. 176,011	Tls. 13,338	31.12.28	Dividend of 6% for 1928	Feb. 21, 1929
Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.	$28 buyers		14¼ %	$200,000	P. 15,000	$10	$10	$170,044	$47,115	31.3.29	$2½ on Preferred, & $1½ on Deferred	July 24, 1929
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.	$9.30 buyers			$5,000,000	D. 8,000 10) 500,000	$5 33) $10	$5 $2½	$175,000 v $209,040	$29,386	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 8%	
Singapore Traction Co., Ltd. — (Ord.)	10/- sellers			£400,000	P. 200,000	£1	£1	d £16,404	£2,539	30.9.28	Interim of 4% a/c. 1929	Sept. 18, 1929
Do. (Pref.)	10/- nominal				31) O. 200,000	£1	£1				5% on Preference shares subject to Income Tax	
Chinese Estates, Ltd.	$98 sellers		4 %	$3,000,000	36) 30,000	$100	$100	d $155,600	$345,455	28.2.29	$4 for year ending 28.2.29	Feb. 6, 1929
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	Tls. 11 nominal				37) P. 100,000							June 5, 1929
do. (Pref.)	Tls. 10 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	38) O. 200,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10		-		First year	

b Building Reserve Account.
c Investment Fluctuation Account.
d Depreciation Fund.
e Equalization of Dividend Fund.
f Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account.
g Gold Reserve Fund.
i Insurance Fund.
j Reinsurance Fund.
k Contingency Liability Account.
l Special Repairs Fund.
n Underwriting Account.
o Legal Reserve Fund.
r Repairs and Renewals Account.
s Silver Reserve Fund.
u Underwriting Suspense Account.
v Special Reserve Fund.
w Share Fluctuation Account.
x Extra Reserve Fund.
y Cattle Reserve Fund.
z Reserve for New Plant.

1) First issue of 120,000 of which 70,411 unalloted.
2) 20,000 shares unissued.
3) 250,000 shares issued.
4) 500 shares unissued.
5) 22,277 shares unissued.
7) Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund.
8) 203,048 share unissued.
9) 23,971,861 shares issued.
10) 123 shares unissued.
11) 5,000,000 shares issued.
12) 50,000 shares unissued.
13) Cotton Fluctuation Account.
14) 150,000 shares unissued.
15) 100,000 shares unissued.
17) 200,000 shares issued.
19) 1,000 shares unissued.
20) 2,740 shares unissued.
21) 65,000 shares unissued.
22) 25,000 shares unissued.
25) 600,000 shares unissued.
26) 4,000 shares unissued.
28) 67,040 shares issued.
29) 200,000 shares unissued.
30) 200,000 shares unissued.
32) 10,422 shares unissued.
33) 140,000 shares fully paid.
34) 34,791 unissued.
35) 4,500 shares unissued.
36) 13,500 shares unissued.
37) 20,000 shares unissued.
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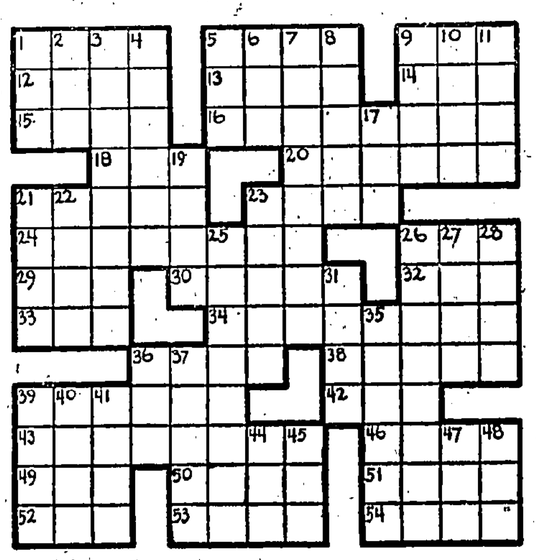
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1–Sew lightly
5–A lichen
9–Sphere
12–Assistant
13–Biblical heroine
14–Payable
15–Pace
16–Arranged in layers
18–Serpent
20–Turns to one side
21–Feminine name
23–Over again
24–Manifesting
26–Big wave
29–Turkish hat
30–Reel on a fishing rod
32–Resinous substance
33–Three (Italian)
34–A visionary person
36–Burden
38–Bishops of Rome
39–Pertaining to old age
42–Plant juice

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

43–Brought forward
46–Secluded valley
49–Steed of Balaam
50–Unbleached
51–One of the Great Lakes
52–Pipe connection
53–Discerned
54–Stained

VERTICAL

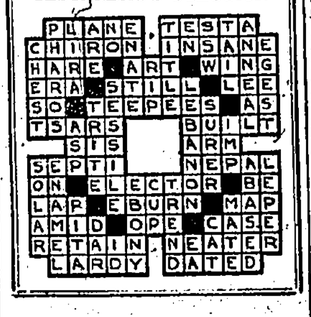
1–Existed
2–Struck
3–To make perfect
4–Part of gastric juice
5–Married woman's title (abbr.)
6–Baseball calamity
7–Choke
8–Cut in thin slices
9–Scent
10–Parasitic fungi on plants

VERTICAL (Cont.)

11–Insects of industrious habit
17–Taw, as hemp or hides
19–Agreement
21–Dexterous
22–Always
23–Positive pole, electrically
25–To show many-colored appearance
26–Tricky
27–Mitigate
28–Biblical book
31–Length of a race
35–Laden
36–Edge
37–Bitter drug
39–Petty quarrel
40–Irish Gaelic
41–Nozzle
44–Before
45–Press for payment
47–Be situated
48–Conducted

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



SAPPER AGAIN

Bulldog Drummond and More Thrills

["Bulldog Drummond, His Four Rounds with Carl Peterson," by Sapper; Hodder & Stoughton.]

Nothing is more annoying than to find one of a series of one's favourite books is missing when the desire comes to re-read them, and when books are as popular as those written by "Sapper" about the now world-famous Hugh Drummond this state of affairs becomes monotonous. Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton must have had this idea in mind when the brilliant idea of combining the four volumes into one was conceived. Whether they had or not a long felt want has been supplied, and we now have a big fat volume of thrills to keep us interested. The great trouble now is that the "friend" who borrowed a single episode and failed to return it at the right time, now has a glorious opportunity of getting away with all four. However, the pleasure of possessing this attractive omnibus volume is well worth the risk.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt commenced the hearing of a claim by the Attorney-General, for the Crown, to the $12,471 taken by the police from safe deposits in which it had been placed by ex-Police-sergeant George Goddard.

GOODY-GOODY BOOKS

Dr. Lang On The Kindly, Maiden Aunt

The "goody-goody" literature of Victorian times was referred to by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he presided at a meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in London.

"There was a time," he said, "when the publications of the S.P.C.K. were associated a little—perhaps unfairly—with what might be called, without any disrespect, goody-goody literature. There may be a place for that kind of literature in ancient Victorian homes, but it has mostly gone."

Some had called the S.P.C.K. the handmaid of the Church; he considered it the maiden aunt of the Church. "I have always considered the function of a wise, kindly maiden aunt one of the most beneficent functions in the world," Dr. Lang said, "and that is precisely, it seems to me, the function of the S.P.C.K. It is always kindly, it is always wise, it is always resourceful."

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

"MAIL" REVIEWS

A House That Survived Four Wars

["The Boundary Post," by Liesbet Dill, Ernest Benn, Ltd., 7/6.]

"Maison Blanche":
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Looted by the Russians 1816.
Rebuilt 1835.
Burnt down by the Bavarians 1870.
Rebuilt 1877.
Destroyed by the Germans 1914-18.
Rebuilt 1920.

This is the inscription to be found on a house in Alsace-Lorraine and it embodies the history of the country and also the spirit of "The Boundary Post."

In reading this book we follow very closely the history of a family of Lorrainers, which, merely on account of international quarrels and subsequent occupation of their home by victorious armies, has become divided by intermarriage. Half the family have French ideals, the remaining half Saxon, Bavarian, Prussian or anything but French.

The story concerns Isabel Mathieu, widowed during the war, who had tried hard to live and educate her son in Germany, to which country she owed allegiance and love on account of her marriage to a Prussian officer.

The remaining part of her family are French, and after a hard struggle she becomes naturalised as French and returns to the country of her birth, Lorraine.

She is unhappy and her relatives by their kind but unmistakable efforts to change her love for Germany into a passion for France, do not help to make her life happier. She returns to Germany, only to find that since her income is derived from Lorraine she cannot live comfortably. Then she ceases to struggle and settles down in Lorraine.

The whole story, a good one, is really pathetic, in that it so truly sums up the feelings and lives of those who are, by fate, forced to live in a country lying between two great powers.

After reading through the "Boundary Post" we can agree with the author when he writes

"You poor, poor country ....
Will you never reach peace?
Will you always bring strife
And war among the peoples?
Will men rise up again
in years to come, to do battle
for your possession?
Or will you, at long last, gain the
freedom you have earned."

["Another Part of the Wood," by Denis Mackail, (Hodder and Stoughton, 7/6).]

The title suggests that the events recorded in Mr. Denis Mackail's most recent novel take place in a wood, but nothing in the book itself bears out that suggestion. Still it is impossible to quarrel with the name given since it is the book that counts, not the title.

Written in a style peculiar to Mr. Mackail there is, in this book, sufficient amusement to please even the most exacting reader.

Ursula Brett Noodles, is leaving school, or rather the very select academy conducted by Miss Mulberry, and, as is the usual custom on such occasions, is presented with the only prize Miss Mulberry ever awards—a going away prize. This always consists of a volume of Lord Tennyson's poems. When she arrives at her home Ursula finds she has lost this valuable memento of her recent incarceration, and she counts the beginning of her troubles from the time she discovered her loss. Mr. Cottenham, Ursula's guardian, is a studious but bad tempered gentleman, whose only hero is Gladstone, and life with him is for Ursula nearly impossible. For some slight peccadillo she is sent back to school only to run away with a concert party musician. Then the fun of the search starts and the remainder of the book is a riot of delightful fooling.

In the first chapter is a description of a South of England railway station on school "breaking-up" day, which is simply splendid, and well worth reading several times, and a revue of "Another part of the Wood, without any mention of "Gertie" would be rather like roast lamb without mint. "Gertie" is a motor car deserving a niche in history together with Ian Hay's "Boanerges" and Louis Vance's "Fast Lady." Surely that should be enough to make would-be readers ask continually for "Another Part of the Wood."

"WING PO"

Misrepresentation of Events in China

Outright misrepresentation of events and inexactitudes as to facts would not be too high a charge to place against the author of "Wing Po," the creator of which calls "A Romance of Modern China." The writer prefers to be known thus:—

Hin Me Geong (John Armitage).

He claims to have been a newspaper correspondent in "China, Korea and Japan during the period covered" but he, while making the hero of the so-called romance an Australian journalist, refrains from disclosing his own nationality.

Irrespective of what he is, he has gone out of his way, by clumsy contortions—which will not even pass muster as presentable colouration permitted, perhaps, by the licence of authorship—to show Britain, Britons, Hong Kong and other foreigners in an unfavourable light.

That his endeavour is to "give his readers a glimpse of the matters embodied, as the Chinese Nationalists see them," is maintained in the foreword. If he purports to place a view or some views of Chinese Nationalism before the world, he has done China an immense injustice.

Fame as a Pirate

First of all, Wing, or Wing Po, who is made the hero of the narrative (the Australian journalist, Jack Adair, and a Miss Isabel Waters, who is a novelist and speaks "softly slurred English betokening a North of England origin," supplying what element of romance that has been inserted here and there) aspires to fame at the beginning as a pirate!

After taking service in the Kuomintang Army (by which name it was *not* known then), Wing rises rapidly) ultimately to become Commander-in-Chief in the campaign which resulted in the eradication of the Northern and other militarists.

Can Wing be taken to mean Chiang Kai-shek?—one is tempted to ask more than once. And mindful of the glamour attaching to the personality of the present President of the State Council of the National Government—who is a true hero in the eyes of Chinese masses in spite of his short-comings—the critic is led to ask also "What will Chiang Kai-shek say?"

Much of the matter in the book is set down in wrong sequence. Some of the sidelights though, are fairly interesting. One is brought in touch with Eugene Chen, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Mrs. Sun Yat-sen (who is praised to the skies), a British Consul-General in Shameen who is not maligned, West Point (of Hong Kong), flower boats of Canton and places and people in several parts of China.

The book can be interesting. But it is dedicated "to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, along with those Chinese Nationalists who have given their lives to an ideal, and to a better understanding between East and West."

Not Clever

Therein the book belies itself. As has been stated, it is not even a clever piece of distortion. But as to "better understanding," no! It might serve as useful propaganda for disgruntled non-Chinese and for Chinese agitators who have an axe to grind (for example, the procuring of income from, say, royalties) in America and Europe.

Those who are able to think for themselves and those who are not purposely blind to the truth are unlikely to set any value on the veiled thrusts. There must be black sheep in every fold and so it behoves Hong Kong to take seriously to heart the question of whether official publicity is necessary.

A book like this can do no harm among the right people, it might be argued. Neither can the vituperations of a number of prejudiced writers in Shanghai. Yet the authorities of the International Settlement in Shanghai thought fit to commission spokesmen to put matters right in other parts of the world. And when a former Hong Kong man assigns to himself the job of doing the Colony harm (as by trying to "fake" history) the thought arises as to why Hong Kong does not make any move to counter malicious literature from abroad.

—W. P. C.

["Wing Po," A Romance of Modern China, by Hin Me Geong (John Armitage)—The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd., Toronto.]

SOVIET SERVICE

British Financier in Russia

"An Expert in the Service of the Soviet," by M. J. Larsons: Ernest Benn Ltd., 10/6.]

At an outbreak of the War M. J. Larsons was a financial expert, and manager of the Petersburg branch of an important Russo-British joint-stock company possessing gold, copper and iron mines in the Ural Mountains. This company was compelled to place itself at the disposal of the war and furnish supplies for the State. The Revolution and subsequent condition of chaos was responsible for his dismissal, and in the early chapters he gives a vivid description of the immediate effects of the overthrow of the monarchy on the business conditions in Russia.

In 1918 he entered the Soviet employment as a financial organiser and his first talk was to reorganise the State Bank and during the course of this he travelled extensively, but received little thanks for his efforts. The conditions under which he worked were such that he found it impossible to carry on and he retired to Germany as a private individual. In 1923 he was persuaded to re-enter the service, and at once took charge of the Treasury Commission, and this entailed the collection and examination of valuable documents and tremendous quantities of gold and silver confiscated during the revolutions. He was responsible for the disposal of these and during the course of this work made many enemies who did not agree with his methods.

He did not join the Communist party and as a result was permanently a centre of suspicion, and his every movement was watched, his correspondence examined, and even his telephonic communications listened to. The ever increasing worry that accompanied his tremendous task, coupled with the numerous attempts to get rid of him finally forced him to leave the country.

This book is written for the benefit of the student of economics rather than as fiction but it is by no means uninteresting, and had it been made more sensational by the inclusion of his personal experiences, the value from the point of view of Business Conditions in Russia at the present day would have been reduced.

Perhaps some day M. J. Larsons may reveal to us his experiences in another volume, and readers will be able to obtain an impression of Russia from another angle.

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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Talma, Pearleaf, Lahore, Turbo, Pres. Jackson, Korea Maru, Talamba, Sunning, Daishi Maru, Kuelchow, Kalgan, Glenamoy, Michael Jebsen, Tsang Woo, Durban Maru, and Hakodate Maru.

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From	Per
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11.	
London (Parcels, Dec. 5) and Straits	Hector
Shanghai	Lahore
SUNDAY JANUARY 12.	
Europe via Negapatam (letters and Papers, London, Dec. 12, 1929)	Talma
Amoy	Tjisalak-
Manila	President Jackson
MONDAY JANUARY 13.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Linan
Canada (Victoria, B.C., December 21, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia
U.S.A. (San Francisco, December 20, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft
U.S.A. (San Francisco, December 18, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.	
Japan and Shanghai	Angers

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11.		
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	1 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Kidderpore	1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jebsen	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa	Lahore	5 p.m.
Shanghai	†Taiyuan	5 p.m.
Manila	President Polk	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12.		
Holhow and Bangkok	Chinhua	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY JANUARY 13.		
Shanghai and Dairen	Hector	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. & *S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	President Jackson (Due San Francisco, Feb. 5.) Parcels Jan. 18, 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Jackson Registration Jan. 18, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	
Swatow and Amoy	Antung	3.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	3.30 p.m.
*Shanghai & *Japan	Mishima Maru	5 p.m.
*Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Taiping (Due Thursday Island, Jan. 25.) Parcels Jan. 18, 5 p.m. Registration Jan. 14 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	

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"CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE"

Calcutta, Yesterday.

In a recent speeech, Sir Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, said that Congress must immediately concentrate its attention on Bandbila in the Jessore district, where a splendid opportunity was afforded of initiating civil disobedience, with a view to winning independence. It is now reported from Bandbila that the house of Bijoy Chandra Roy, Secretary of the local congress committee and a local leader of the "No Tax" movement, was raided by Police and all moveable property attached. Roy was arrested for refusing to pay the union board tax. Bail has been refused, and the property of some residents of two other villages who refused to pay taxes has also been seized.—Reuter.

DROP IN PROFITS

State Inquiry Into Company's Books

New York, Yesterday.

The State Attorney-General's office is now investigating the book-keeping methods of the United Cigar Stores Company under its former management. A group headed by George K. Morrow, Chairman of Gold Dust Corporation, purchased the control of the Company last August from George Whelan. In the interests of the firm accountants were employed, and Morrow now reports the net profits of the Company in 1928 were only $4,525,000, although the company under the management of Whelan announced profits of $8,352,000. — Reuter's American Service.

HAGUE CONFERENCE

Every Reason to Expect A Settlement

The Hague, Yesterday.

Mr. Philip Snowden in an interview with Reuter said that everything was progressing satisfactorily. There was every reason to hope that a full commission would be able to meet on Monday and report that settlement of German reparations had been reached.—Reuter.

FORTY SMALLPOX CASES ABOARD

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HONOLULU BOUND

Washington, Yesterday.

The Public Health Service has received a wireless message from the American steamer Golden Sun, stating that she has forty cases of smallpox aboard and is bound for Honolulu. She asks for medical assistance.—Reuter's American Service.

UNIQUE RECORD

Election of Tung Wah Chairman

A unique record in the history of Hong Kong was provided at an election yesterday at the Colony's premier institution of charity for Chinese.

The occasion was the election of the chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen of the Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital for the new year (in the old calendar).

Mr. Leung Pat-yue, a well-known merchant, was chosen. Forty years ago his father was Chairman. A few years ago Mr. Leung Pat-yue was one of the Directors and, on being nominated again, he has now been honoured with the chairmanship. For the present year, Mr. Leung Pat-yue's son is serving as a Director—truly a family achievement which must be without parallel in the Colony.

Mr. Leung Pat-yue is also on the Committee of the Po Leung Kuk.

Mr. Wen-yo Harry Hong Sling, M.A., (Hong Kong), who is known in Cantonese as Mr. Tong Wing-yiu, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and Mr. Yan Tit-yu were elected Vice-Chairmen.

N.S.W. MINERS

Panic Reported in Many Centres

Sydney, Yesterday.

Resenting the Government's action in moving two trains of coal from Rothbury, 10,000 miners massed in various centres for the purpose of marching in to the town. A detachment of 70 police was at once despatched there from Sydney. Mr. Hoare, President of the Miners' Federation, hurried to the scene, hoping to avert a collision.

A crowd of 4,000 miners also surrounded the Astonfields colliery, and stripped two non-Unionists who recently gave evidence against a Labour official. The crowd burned their clothing.

Two detachments of miners including 600 ex-soldiers marched to Rothbury and assembled near the mine to hold a meeting.

The coalfields are seething with excitement, and there are panics in some centres.

Later.

Ten thousand miners have returned to their homes. The situation is now quiet.—Reuter.

FALL FROM VERANDAH

A married woman named Poon Yee, living on the first floor of 141, Baulkeley Street, Hunghom, was yesterday afternoon taken to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from severe head injuries received as the result of overbalancing and falling into the street whilst hanging out clothes to dry on the verandah.

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